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## IMPT DATES

- University Day  
October 12  
Classes Cancelled:  
9:30 am—12:30 pm
- Fall Break  
October 18—19
- Thanksgiving Break  
November 21—23
- Last Day of Class  
December 5

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# Psychology & Neuroscience Undergraduate Newsletter

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## *Student Spotlight*

Meet **Melissa Burroughs**, a Senior Psychology major and Neuroscience Minor, who works in the Developmental Social Neuroscience Lab with Dr. Eva Telzer. The DSN Lab is interested in how social processes evolve during adolescence and why teenagers are more likely to take risks.

**What has been the most difficult part about your experience?** I never realized how difficult it would be to even just come up with a research question! I expected this to be a necessary, yet simple task; however, I spent a long time sifting through previous literature. My hard work paid off, and I was able to eventually narrow down my broad interests to an interesting question worth asking.

**Do you get to work with any interesting equipment?** The DNS Lab uses fMRI machines to study adolescent brain activation during tasks. I've had the opportunity to learn more about how these machines work, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of relying on them. It's particularly difficult to use fMRIs with children because it requires them to be still for a hard time. I haven't had the chance to have my brain scanned yet, but I hope to one day!

**What do you like most?** I have met so many great people! I've had amazing and supportive mentors who challenge me to become a better researcher and I have learned invaluable skills. The lab members are always willing to teach me more about research, professional development, or even just talk about an interesting psychological topic.





## Meet a Gil Intern



Meet **Jesslyn Smith**, one of our Fall 2018 interns with the [Karen M. Gil Internship Program in Psychology and Neuroscience](#).

Jesslyn is a senior majoring in Psychology, with double majors in Neuroscience and Education. This Fall, Jesslyn is interning at the Triangle Center for Behavioral Health with Dr. Kelly Anthony, a psychologist who specializes in the assessment of learning and intellectual disabilities, ADHD, giftedness, and emotional disorders. Jesslyn shares, "I have always known that I wanted to help people, and it was not until my very first psychology class that I knew I wanted psychology to be my vehicle to do so."

Her experiences with psychology outside the classroom so far have been in the form of conducting research. She says, "While being involved in research has given me valuable data management and teamwork skills, I lack clinical skills. Obtaining these skills will give me the toolset I need to be successful, with the intention of going to graduate school and eventually practicing psychology. With the Gil internship, I feel very fortunate to be placed at a site where a mentor and other clinicians who have similar interests, and where I can get a clear picture as to what this career might look like."

**Want to be a Gil Intern?** Applications for Spring 2019 internships are due by Monday, October 8, 2018. Learn more about the [application process](#) online. Questions can be directed to [Molly Corrigan](#).



## Psychology & Neuroscience Internship and Research Info Night

September 12, 2018  
Howell Hall 115  
6:00pm

Want to get involved in undergraduate research or find an internship, but not sure where to start? This information session is for you!

We'll talk about:

- How to find a research mentor
- What research mentors are looking for in a student
- Internship opportunities available through the department
- Examples of projects undergraduates work on
- How to receive course credit for research / internships
- And much more!

**Free Pizza!**

Space is limited, so please RSVP to Molly Corrigan at [mcorrigan@live.unc.edu](mailto:mcorrigan@live.unc.edu) by 9am on Tuesday September 11th



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At our Internship and Research Info Night, we'll talk about how to find a research mentor, what research mentors are looking for in a student, departmental internship opportunities, examples of projects you could be working on, and how to receive course credit for your experiences.



Join us on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:00 pm in Howell 115! Free pizza will be provided! RSVPs requested; please RSVP to [mcorrigan@live.unc.edu](mailto:mcorrigan@live.unc.edu).





## Undergraduate Research Grants!

The Department of Psychology and Neuroscience Undergraduate Research Program, on behalf of the Lindquist Undergraduate Research Fund, will award up to \$300 grants to help fund undergraduate research projects!

Students can use the funds for equipment, software, participant recruitment, or to offset costs related to presenting or publishing research.

To apply for Fall 2018 grants, please submit a 1-page letter of application to briefly describe the research project, explain the proposed use of grant funds, and provide a projected budget.

Applications also require faculty approval. Submit a 1-page PDF document with the signature of your faculty advisor to [Dr. Vicki Chanon](#) by October 10.

## Fall into your Major

Join us on September 24th from 2—4 PM in the Union Great Hall and connect with Departments from across campus. Come learn more about Carolina’s many majors and the research, departmental, and career opportunities available to you! [Learn more online!](#)

## Jobs & Other Opportunities

Looking for a post-baccalaureate position in psychology? Check out an [online database of active positions](#)! You can also subscribe by email to be notified of new postings. This is a great resource for new graduates!



UNC’s [Institute for Trauma Recovery](#) is seeking a highly motivated undergraduate student for a spring volunteer opportunity. Students must have an outstanding academic record and a passion for research. The goal of research at ITR is to advance the understanding of biological processes mediating recovery after trauma. To apply, send your CV and cover letter, describing background and reason for interest in applying to [rebecca\\_price@med.unc.edu](mailto:rebecca_price@med.unc.edu).



Want to travel abroad or attend graduate school? Need money or funding? UNC’s Office of Distinguished Scholars can help you find competitive scholarships and fellowships. [Join us](#) on September 12th, 12:30—1:30, in Graham Memorial 039 to learn more!



The Health Psychology Ph.D. Program Charlotte invites you to come learn more about the program, ap

plication process, and meet with current students and faculty on September 14th. The event will be held at 2:00 PM in the Cone Center (room 111) at UNC Charlotte. [RSVP online to attend.](#)



Project Horseshoe Farm offers a 13 month gap-year fellowship program for recent college graduates and undergraduate internships for spring, summer, fall, and winter. Project Horseshoe Farm is a community-based non-profit organization in Greensboro, Alabama. Fellows and interns assist with programs for enhanced independent living, adults, and K-12 youth. To learn more and apply, please visit <http://www.projecthsf.org>.



Triage Consulting Group is a financial healthcare consulting firm that addresses the financial needs of healthcare providers. They are looking to hire Associates to identify underpayments, audit insurance reimbursements, and contact insurance companies. They will be on-campus on Thursday, 9/13 from 12—4 pm at the Ram’s Head to discuss careers. Positions will start Summer 2019—resumes due 9/26 and on-campus interviews will be conducted on 10/2. For questions, please contact [Ashley Eve](#).

