

upcoming events

MAY

"Getting Better Exam Marks"

Friday 29 May, 1.00pm – 2.00pm

Sunderland Theatre, The University of Melbourne

For students enrolled in 526-222, Molecular and Cellular Biomedicine, Dr. Roger Hurcombe, Academic Skills Unit, will present on 'Getting Better Exam Marks'.

AUGUST

Employment Experience Fair

Tuesday 4 August, 12.00pm – 3.30pm

Wilson Hall, The University of Melbourne

Find out more about Vacation work programs, cooperative placements (IBLs), paid internships and working holidays.

International Employment Fair

Tuesday 5 August, 12.00pm – 3.30pm

Wilson Hall, The University of Melbourne

Following the great success of the 2008 Global Opportunities Fair, The University of Melbourne will be holding the International Employment Fair (please note the change of name from Global Opportunities Fair).

SEPTEMBER

"A day in the life of..."

Date and venue to be confirmed

A forum with a selection of panel members to highlight career pathways.

MDHS Discover Honours Expo

Date and venue to be confirmed

An opportunity for students to discover more about honours programs within MDHS departments. Presented by the Faculty Honours co-ordinator and discipline co-ordinators.



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WELCOME!

Welcome to the first edition of the monthly Biomedicine Student Newsletter! The newsletter has been designed to keep you informed of what's going on around campus, upcoming events, important dates and general advice from the Biomedicine Student Advisers. We welcome your feedback on the first edition of the newsletter and encourage you to send your comments / suggestions to biomedicine-info@unimelb.edu.au

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE BROWNLESS LIBRARY

The redevelopment of the Brownless Biomedical Library and MDHS Student Centre is nearing completion of the design development phase and will continue to proceed into the tender documentation phase. For the most recent update including detailed floor plans please visit www.pb.unimelb.edu.au/brownless_library.html

ALTERNATIVE EXAM ARRANGEMENTS

Do you feel your exams may be adversely affected by a temporary or ongoing disability? In some situations students may require alternative exam arrangements (eg additional writing time if they have broken their arm). If you feel you may be in this situation, please make an appointment to see Fion Poon, Student Adviser, as soon as possible by contacting the MDHS Student Centre on 8344 5890. Please bring any supporting documents (eg medical certificate) with you to the appointment. Further information regarding alternative exam arrangements is available from the Disability Liaison Unit website at www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

If your studies have been hampered by illness or circumstances beyond your control, you are advised to apply for special consideration. Please read the Special Consideration Guidelines for Submission before submitting your application. The online application form and guidelines are available at <https://sis.unimelb.edu.au/cgi-bin/special-consideration.pl>.

Once you have submitted your application online, please forward your HCAP form or statutory declaration to the MDHS Student Centre.

If you have any questions relating to special consideration, please contact Fion Poon, Student Adviser, on 9035 8027 or email f.poon@unimelb.edu.au

STUDENT WORK PLACEMENTS (SWP)

If you are looking at enhancing your CV, consider a Student Work Placement. Acquire or refine your skills in:

- communication
- teamwork
- problem-solving
- planning and organizing

Placements duration is between 40-80 hours (over a period of no more than 6 months). To find out more, go to

<http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/careers/student/swp/index.html>





UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (UROP)

UROP is an exciting program that offers you the opportunity to work in a research laboratory on a biomedical research project.

By taking part in the program, you will:

- Build your networks
- Gain an insight into a career in research
- Work in a supervised small team environment on a current research project

Institutions that offer places in UROP include:

- The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
- Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, MDHS, University of Melbourne
- The Burnet Institute
- Bio21 Institute
- CSIRO

Applications for the Summer round open in September. To apply, please refer to <http://www.bio21.com.au/urop.asp>

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR YOUR EXAMS? MAXIMISE YOUR STUDY POTENTIAL!

- Email or speak to your subject co-coordinator
- Visit the Academic Skills Unit's website for advice on how best to prepare: <http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/asu/study/exams/index.html>
- Make an appointment through the MDHS Student Centre for an individual tutorial session with an Academic Skills Unit staff member
- Do you get stressed as exams approach? Visit the Counselling Service's website for helpful advice: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/counsel/New_Information_Resources/wellbeing_stressmanagement.html
- Check LMS regularly for exam revision / preparation / tips
- Form a study group with your friends, meet regularly to question and challenge your learning
- Visit AIRport online - airport.unimelb.edu.au. Gate 3 has discipline specific resources for Biomedicine students.
- Refer to the Library for past exam papers - exams.infodiv.unimelb.edu.au

KEY UNIVERSITY DATES

Monday 1 June – Friday 5 June
SWOT VAC

Tuesday 9 June – Friday 26 June
Examination Period

Friday 10 July
Semester 1 Results Released

Monday 27 July
Semester 2 Commences

THE BIOMEDICINE TEAM

If you wish to contact one of the Biomedicine staff, please email us at biomedicine-info@unimelb.edu.au or telephone 8344 5890. Alternatively, please refer to the LMS for contact details of individual staff.

[Natasha Sandiford](#)

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Student Adviser

[Kate Taylor](#)

Student Experience Project Officer

[Rebecca Astles-Phillips](#)

Student Adviser

(currently on secondment)

This Month's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: How do I view my personal exam timetable?

You can now view your personal exam timetable through the Student Portal or via the Student Information System (SIS) Exam Timetable Service.

Q: I wish to change my subjects for semester 2. What do I need to do?

If you wish to add or delete a subject for semester 2, please complete a Subject Change Form available from the MDHS Student Centre. If you wish to discuss your subject selection with a Student Adviser, please contact the MDHS Student Centre on 8344 5890 or email biomedicine-info@unimelb.edu.au.

Q: When can I view my timetable for semester 2?

Alloc8 will be available for all students to view their timetable on Wednesday 15 July. Students can make changes to their timetable from Thursday 16 July. If a subject does not appear on Alloc8 please check the timetable at <https://sis.unimelb.edu.au/cgi-bin/subjects.pl> or contact the subject coordinator.





BIOMEDICINE STUDENT SOCIETY

If you wish to contact the Biomedicine Student Society, please refer to the LMS for contact details.

- Tina Thorburn - President
- Hashim Abdeen – Vice-President)
- Kirsten Long - Treasurer
- Chris Cajili - Secretary
- Richard Sia – Educational Executive
- Kane Van Oorschot – Social Secretary

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BIOMEDICINE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Do you have an idea for an upcoming newsletter or know of an event that Biomedicine students may be interested attending? If so, tell us about it!

Please include your name, email address and student number (if applicable).

Send your contributions to Katrina Hall at biomedicine-info@unimelb.edu.au

FEEDBACK

We welcome your feedback on the Biomedicine Student Newsletter. If you would like to provide feedback or have a suggestion for the newsletter, please email us at biomedicine-info@unimelb.edu.au

CONSIDERING A CAREER IN LAW? DON'T FORGET THE JUNE 2009 LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST (LSAT)!

Registration deadline: 1 June 2009

Test date: 28 June 2009

The Melbourne Juris Doctor (JD) attracts a mix of recent graduates and professionals at all levels. Our students come from diverse backgrounds, but are bound by a commitment to academic excellence and a common interest in establishing a career in law.

Next information session:

Wednesday 29 July 2009

Presenter:

Associate Professor Pip Nicholson

Time:

Refreshments from 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start

Where:

Melbourne Law School - 185 Pelham Street, Carlton ([view map here](#))

To register for an information session, please contact Melbourne Law School, ph +61 3 8344 8912 or email jd-law@unimelb.edu.au

UPDATE FROM THE BIOMEDICINE STUDENT SOCIETY

Thank you to all those who joined the society, we have a record high number of members and have still got lots planned this year. The Biomed Ball is set for the 17th September and we are working on hoodies and more BBQ's! So watch this space!

Biomed Camp 1st - 3rd May 2009

The first ever Biomed Camp was a huge success. At the beginning of this month 92 students arrived at Mt Eliza YMCA camp for a weekend of socializing, not study. The 2 night camp was kicked off with a great pub night, at the local "Jack's Bar", where we officially welcomed the Biomed Bear into the family!



The following day included volleyball on the beach, a "race" around camp, archery and lots of sunshine. After a nice restful day we celebrated David's birthday and a successful camp with a "country" themed party to match our beautiful surroundings. The costumes ranged from the not-so-original flannel checked shirt, to the chaps, golf clubs and straw stuffed overalls, causing a fierce battle for the best dressed.

So overall, the camp was a massive success, so thank you to everyone who came, and to the weatherman for making it so sunny and warm!

Biomed River Cruise 21st May 2009

Last Thursday over one hundred students piled into a boat, dressed as pirates, sailors and sea creatures. With the beer and wine flowing and an inviting dance floor the night went well. From waving to men working on boats we passed to playing that bridge game, I think it's safe to say that all aboard had a fantastic time.

Again, a huge thank you to all those that made the effort to party on a boat, and thanks to Kane for organising it, ahoy matey!

Tina Thorburn

