Let’s Start Here | Take the Survey

With Let's Start Here (https://www.eng.famu.fsu.edu/news/lets-start-here) we are beginning in earnest a new step in our journey to increase equity, diversity and inclusion on our unique campus. A first important step is a survey to determine where we are in relation to these dimensions, and to hear from all of you about your personal experience at FAMU-FSU Engineering.

You received an email from me on Oct. 1 asking you to participate in this survey, conducted independently for us by the HEDS Consortium. This is not a phishing attempt (I know they happen all the time, sometimes with my email address) or an attempt to “check the box” with regard to these issues. This survey is hugely important because we must hear your voice and understand the issues on our campus and ecosystem.

Please take the survey at the link in your email. The link is unique to you so we can avoid duplication. It will take you only 10-15 minutes to complete, and I hope you do so thoughtfully. You may get a series of reminder emails until you actually click the link and take the survey, so please take it early! This opportunity to hear from you is open from Oct. 1-15 only. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me or Tisha Keller, our survey leader, know.

Let me also reiterate that your response will be anonymous. The survey data is being accumulated by a highly reputable national organization that will only provide us with aggregated information. I hope you will be comfortable telling us how you truly feel and sharing your experiences.

I sincerely appreciate your time and your thoughtful responses. Together, you, me and the Let’s Start Here leadership committee will help take FAMU-FSU Engineering to the next level in which every one of our people feels equally empowered and supported.

Thank-you in advance.

Murray Gibson

Attention FSU Graduate Students

Just a reminder, Spring 2021 Open Registration begins October 12, 2020 for FSU. Course offerings are available to view and add to your cart starting today, October 12.
Many departments require a seminar course each term so please work with your department and advisors to confirm exactly what courses and how many hours you should be registered in the spring.

Three Minute Thesis 2020 Competition

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) is a research communication competition developed by The University of Queensland, Australia. The exercise develops academic, presentation, and research communication skills and supports the development of students' capacities to effectively explain their research in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience.

Doctoral students have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their dissertation topic and its significance. 3MT™ is not an exercise in trivializing or 'dumbing-down' research but forces students to consolidate their ideas and crystalize their research discoveries.

All 3MT™ Finalists will receive a certificate and a $100 award and are eligible for one of the three awards: 1st Place ($1,000), 2nd Place ($750), and the People's Choice ($500) selected by the audience.

Helpful Resources:
THREE MINUTE THESIS VIRTUAL COMPETITION HANDBOOK

Please Answer 644-5555: FSU's assessment and contact tracing

Hope you're staying well and doing well in your classes this Fall. I'm writing to ask for your cooperation with FSU's contact assessment efforts to keep us all safe.

Especially for those of you who are taking in-person classes or are in research labs, if you receive a call or voicemail from 850.644.5555, please answer it. The call is from FSU's SAFER team. Your answering will help ensure that the university's contact assessment/tracing efforts remain robust. I've been told by the SAFER Team that positivity rates have been declining since the initial peak in early September, but we need to work to keep it that way.

Also, use the Daily Wellness Check app to report a positive test result or if you think you’ve been exposed. The app is available on my.fsu.edu or in the MyFSU app.

Michelle Rambo-Roddenberry, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE
Associate Dean for Student Services and Undergraduate Affairs
You are Future Faculty | Register for Upcoming Info Sessions

Do you think you may be interested in a faculty position one day? Whether you love research, prefer teaching, or see yourself as a future administrator, a faculty position may be for you!

To provide information on faculty opportunities in STEM, the Title III Minority Graduate Engineering Program has organized Zoom presentations with schools looking to hire underrepresented PhD’s in Engineering and other STEM disciplines. Don’t worry if you are not graduating soon. Even if you are a first year graduate student, come hear the representatives discuss what their schools look for in faculty hires and what faculty life is like on these campuses!

The upcoming presentations are as follows:
Rochester Institute of Technology. Thursday October 1 at 4:00pm. See attached flyer for Zoom registration or use this link: https://rit.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6eU0rCIsk7c1cbz
Washington and Lee University. Thursday October 8 at 5:30pm. See attached flyer for Zoom registration or use this link: https://fsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkdumrpjIqHNRGNspaiwE4R4KyGVeOZDZv
Don't miss out!
For more information, contact Dr. Carl Moore.

Attention FAMU-FSU College of Engineering Students!

Make a difference for your campuses and register to vote for this upcoming election!

This Monday, October 5th, is the deadline to update your registration in order to vote in the November 3rd Election.

This November, we have the chance to vote for national and local officials who make important decisions that impact our future. Make sure your voice is heard by voting in these critical elections. But first - you need to register.

Please take five minutes and REGISTER HERE!

If you need to register for the first time or you moved since you last registered, you can update your registration right here.
Voting Resources: Check your voter registration status and find out more about upcoming elections, including how to vote safely by mail.

If you have any questions regarding registration or voting in this election, please contact:
FAMU: Sunita Ganesh, sganesh@floridapirgstudents.org
FSU: Sithara Menon, smenon@floridapirgstudents.org

Stop the spread! Support cybersecurity at FSU
You are essential in stopping the spread of cybercrime. Join FSU for National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and learn how to stay safe online wherever you are connecting, either on campus or virtually. Together, we can help keep ourselves and others safe in today’s virtual world.

- Take the [Seminole Safe Exam](#)
- Join a [Virtual Cybersecurity Session](#)
- Practice Healthy Online Habits
  1. **AVOID CLOSE CONTACT WITH CYBERSCAMs** Delete phishing emails and voicemails
  2. **COVER YOUR PASSWORD** Never share your password with anyone
  3. **DON’T UNMASK YOUR IDENTITY** Use 2FA for an extra layer of protection
  4. **DISINFECT YOUR DEVICES** Run antivirus software regularly
  5. **STAY HOME** Avoid public Wi-Fi or use a VPN to connect if not using your home network

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Stop by the [COE Cafe](#) and check out the grad-n-go menu options.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**
Monday- Thursday - 9am-3pm  
Friday - 9am-2:30pm

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Counseling Services Workshops and Groups
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Regeneron Postdoctoral Training Program

The application period for the Regeneron Postdoctoral Training Program has begun. Regeneron (NASDAQ: REGN) is a leading science and technology company delivering life-transforming medicines for serious diseases.

Click here for more information. Click here to apply.
Opportunity: Machine Learning in Science & Engineering

The Columbia University Data Science Institute is hosting a virtual conference and offering a research submission opportunity that may be relevant for students across engineering, math, computer science, and technology disciplines.

What: Machine Learning in Science & Engineering (MLSE 2020) will demonstrate how data-driven approaches can help solve emerging challenges. With 11 dedicated Tracks, the event will bring together 1,000+ participants, 150+ speakers, and dozens of posters, papers, panels, research, and job listings. MLSE 2020 is supported by an NSF TRIPODS+X award.

Event Dates: December 14-15, 2020 - Virtual

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Submit Research. Several MLSE 2020 Tracks are looking for posters, abstracts, panelists, and speakers. We encourage faculty and students from your university to submit research for inclusion. Deadline: Thursday, October 15 (Midnight ET)

Registration is FREE for students! Please encourage students to attend to network with leaders in science and engineering. Undergraduate, graduate, PhD, and postdocs can all register for free. Students can also volunteer for more dedicated networking.

New DOE Graduate Research Fellowship

IBUILD Graduate Research Fellowship

Apply Today!

Application Deadline: December 1, 2020, 5:00 PM EST

The Innovation in Buildings (IBUILD) Graduate Research Fellowship is now accepting applications through December 1, 2020 (5:00 PM EST).

What will I be doing? You will get to advance your graduate research by receiving research and educational support to conduct innovative research at your home institution in an area with demonstrated relevance to building energy efficiency. To ensure an impactful fellowship, you will also gain professional development, mentoring, networking, and support for internship opportunities.

Why should I apply? In addition to advancing your graduate research, you will 1) enhance your education and training in building technologies fields; 2) increase your marketability in these disciplines; 3) gain access to top scientists in the building energy efficiency field; and 4) gain insight into research and career opportunities through your research experiences.

Where will I be located? The IBUILD Fellowship is designed to support research at your home college or university. IBUILD Fellows may be required to take occasional trips to the BTO office or a national laboratory, when applicable, to meet program representatives.
Apply Today!

The details:
You will receive a competitive stipend of $35,000, an allowance to offset the costs of health insurance up to $16,000, research travel and materials up to $12,000, and limited tuition allowance up to $25,000.

Fellowship will be awarded in 12-month increments based on an annual review of research progress and sustained alignment with designated BTO research areas.

You must be a U.S. Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident and be enrolled or intend to enroll as a full-time doctoral or master’s graduate student at a qualified program requiring a research thesis/dissertation at an accredited U.S. college or university by September 1, 2021 with a cumulative graduate GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale.

Program Website

Questions? Email IBUILD@orise.orau.gov. Please list the reference code [DOE-EERE-RPP-IBUILD-2020] for this opportunity in the subject line of your email.

STAYING CONNECTED

Free Reusable Cloth Face Masks Help Flatten the Curve COVID19

Teresa Berger, a FAMU Pre-Engineering Advisor in Student Services, at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, has been coordinating a free mask outreach effort for communities and schools around Florida.

Nonprofit Travels Across the Southeast United States Making Stops in Tallahassee to Give Away Free Reusable Cloth Face Masks to Help Flatten the Curve of COVID19
After traveling multiple states, Lane Harper’s Power of Life Foundation made a stop in Quincy, FL for a huge event at the Tanyard Creek Amphitheater on Saturday, September 26, 2020. This drive thru event was organized by Lane Harper and Teresa Berger. A joint venture with the City of Quincy, Cumulus Broadcasting and Farm Share, the Foundation distributed more than 15,000 free face masks, more than 13,000 pounds of free food, and a $30 utility credit for City of Quincy utility customers.

Humanitarian and Executive Director of the Power of Life Foundation, Lane Harper, is a Birmingham Police Department Officer who has dedicated more than 15 years towards aiding those in the community facing difficult times. After years of funding his own acts of service, Harper created The Power of Life Foundation, a nonprofit to expand his mission to provide basic human needs to those less fortunate nationwide.

Teresa Berger is the Marketing/Project Director for The Power of Life Foundation. A FAMU graduate and an academic advisor with the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, Teresa has provided disaster relief to the City of Tallahassee after multiple hurricanes.

The Foundation serves those in need of help with housing, food, clothing/shoes, disaster relief, and youth development. Currently, The Power of Life Foundation’s mission has been focused on assisting communities with flattening the curve of COVID-19 thru free face mask giveaways. The Power of Life Foundation has successfully distributed more than 50,000 face masks in 7 events in Birmingham, AL, Tallahassee, FL Macon, GA, Jonesboro, GA and Quincy, FL.

100% of every mask donated is given away to the public for FREE. 100% of monetary donations go to purchase fabric and materials for the sewers and pay expenses to host these important events in various cities.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Events are indicated as either V = Virtual or F2F = In-person

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**OCTOBER**

Center for Academic Innovation and Technology Workshop - Interpreting/Responding to Student Evaluations - Friday, October 16, 1:00 PM, V

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**NOVEMBER**

Thanksgiving Holiday- Wednesday, November 25 thru Friday, November 27, 2020

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**DECEMBER**

2020-2021 Winter Break - Monday, December 21 thru Friday, January 1, 2021

**JANUARY 2021**

College Reopens - Monday, January 4, 2021

Spring Semester begins - January 6 | All classes will be taught remotely for first 3 days.

MLK holiday - January 18

Spring Break is canceled.
Spring Semester ends - April 23

Last day of classes is April 16. Exam week is April 19-23.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Florida’s COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard
Florida Department of Health, Division of Disease Control and Health Protection

Want to add something to the next issue?
Email us! Deadline is Friday noon for Monday publication.

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