Welcome!

The kick-off event for the Virtual Summer Studentship Program will be the Welcome Orientation on Monday, May 19, 2020.

The Program events are listed below. For each event, you will receive email reminders and further information closer to the dates. Please be advised that you are required to participate in all of the events.

We also encourage you to attend the CBR virtual seminars on Wednesdays from 11 am-12 pm, and SBME virtual seminars on Thursdays from 11 am-12 pm. It is a good opportunity to learn about the cutting-edge research at CBR and SBME.

At the end of the Program, your will submit a written report, summarizing your research project, reflecting on your Program experience, and assessing the overall Program. More instructions will be provided to you later in the Program. You will also need to complete an online survey (link will be sent out after Research Day). Report & survey submission deadline: August 31st, 2020.

Finally, follow the CBR and SBME social media accounts and stay up-to-date on our activities:

CBR:  
- @CBR_UBC
- @cbrubc
- @cbr_UBC

SBME:  
- @BME_UBC
- @ubcsbme

If you have any questions, please email Dr. Carmen de Hoog (carmen.dehoog@ubc.ca) or Dr. Stefanie Mak (stefanie.mak@ubc.ca).

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Socials | Skills Sessions | Research Day
Workshop descriptions:

- **Lay Summary Writing | June 16, 2020 | 10 am-12 pm**

  Lay summaries offer researchers opportunities to increase the visibility and accessibility of their scientific studies and thus invite public dialogue. As a way to promote science communication, many open access journals, public policy institutes, and granting agencies require researchers to provide summaries of their studies for non-specialists. But how do experts communicate specialized research to non-specialist audiences, and why?

  This workshop introduces undergraduate researchers at the Centre for Blood Research to some of the ways in which lay summaries differ from scientific abstracts, the multiple purposes of lay summaries, and how lay summaries enhance science communication. Workshop participants will bring a draft lay summary to revise during dedicated writing time and receive feedback from peers and the workshop facilitator.

  Facilitator: Dr. Patty Kelly, Centre for Writing and Scholarly Communication

  Register here: [https://libcal.library.ubc.ca/event/3547725](https://libcal.library.ubc.ca/event/3547725)
• **Effective Presentation Skills Part I: Giving a Great Online Presentation | July 14, 2020 | 10-11 am**

How do you feel when you’re about to speak in front of a group...virtually? Making your online presentation shine requires great content, public speaking skills, and an extra layer of preparation and technical savvy. Whether you’re a novice or pro, you can use practical strategies to improve your speaking effectiveness and rock your next online talk.

Come away from this interactive session with:
- Strategies to better engage your audience during virtual presentations
- Advice to develop your unique speaking strengths and continue improving
- Actionable tips for online talk setup and delivery

Facilitator: SciCATs
Join session here: [https://ubc.zoom.us/j/65488060598](https://ubc.zoom.us/j/65488060598)

• **Effective Presentation Skills Part II: Build a Better Research Talk | July 21, 2020 | 10-11 am**

Walk through the fundamentals of building a great research talk - from how to tell your science effectively as a story, to developing your visuals and slides. Building on the previous session, we’ll explore how you can combine online public speaking skills with a presentation that helps you best convey your research.

Come away from this session with:
- Awareness of the core building blocks of a good narrative and how to apply them to your science
- Know how to avoid common mistakes and pitfalls in research talks
- Ideas and suggestions to create effective visuals for your talk

Facilitator: SciCATs
Join session here: [https://ubc.zoom.us/j/67853963465](https://ubc.zoom.us/j/67853963465)

• **Drop-in slide making office hours (optional) | July 28, 2020 | 10-11:30 am**
  - Join session here: [https://ubc.zoom.us/j/69693330444](https://ubc.zoom.us/j/69693330444)

• **Practicing Effective Presentation Skills | August 4, 2020 | 10 am-12 pm**
  - Join session here: [https://ubc.zoom.us/j/66665234260](https://ubc.zoom.us/j/66665234260)

• **Drop-in Research Day rehearsal (optional) | August 11, 2020 | 10-11 am**
  - Join session here: [https://ubc.zoom.us/j/67076289268](https://ubc.zoom.us/j/67076289268)
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