Official Launch & Information Session

Wednesday Sept. 23, 2009

http://ir.lib.uwo.ca/wurjhns/
What is WURJHNS?

- **STUDENT RUN**
  - A journal created and run by Western students for Western undergraduate students and their research

- **PEER REVIEWED**
  - All articles are reviewed by trained students and Faculty members to ensure scientific integrity in everything published

- **OPEN ACCESS**
  - The WURJHNS is available online and open to anyone and can be found at [www.ir.lib.uwo.ca/wurjhns](http://www.ir.lib.uwo.ca/wurjhns)
Goals of WURJHNS

• Showcase research at the undergraduate level
• Encourage undergraduate publications
• Help students get research placements
• Follow in suit of Open Access journals:
  • Example: PLoS (Public Library of Science)
  • Disseminate information globally
• Integrate students into the research community
Our Team

• We have a diverse team from Biology, Chemistry and Health Sciences comprised of:

• 18 Undergraduate Students
• 23 Graduate Students
• 11 Faculty Reviewers
• 13 Faculty Correspondents
The Peer Review Process

Submit your article

Manuscript Submission to the Editors in-chief

Associate Editors

Undergraduate and Graduate Review Board (Biology or Chemistry)

Rejected unanimously by tier 1 reviewers

Faculty Review Board (Biology or Chemistry)

Academic misconduct detected

Editorial Board Decision

Production Manager / Western Libraries Representative: Publish, Revise and Resubmit, or Reject

Reject Article

Revise and Re-Submit

Publish
Is your article eligible?

We Accept:

✓ Original Research Articles
✓ Research Progress Reports
✓ Articles from Biology, Chemistry, and Health Sciences

The FIRST author of all manuscripts submitted to WURJHNS must be an undergraduate student at Western.
What is a Research Progress Report?

- Overview of the relevant theoretical and/or experimental literature
- Methods, results and discussion of work-to-date, including addressing major difficulties encountered
- Brief discussion of possible future directions for the research

**Purpose of Research Progress Reports:** Highlights the research being conducted by undergraduate students at Western
Why submit an article?

• Gain Publication Experience
• Disseminate Your Research Globally
  • Open-Access Publication
• Recognized by Faculty Members and Research Community
• Good Addition to Your CV When Applying to Graduate/Professional School
• It is Not a Difficult Process
The Submission Process

• WURJHNS accepts articles on a **rolling submission basis**

• This means you can submit your article whenever you want during the school year, starting today!

• Submission guidelines:  
  [http://ir.lib.uwo.ca/wurjhns](http://ir.lib.uwo.ca/wurjhns)
Other WURJHNS Activities

- WURJHNS will be running three workshops in November.
- The purpose of these workshops:
  - Help find Student Research Positions
  - Discuss what to include in applications
  - Discuss what is expected at interviews
  - Help you conduct research, write a manuscript, and then submit back to WURJHNS!
Success of Our Previous Workshop

“I am a third year Bachelor of Health Sciences student who attended the undergraduate summer research workshop. I just wanted to inform you that I found the information provided to be very useful and practical. I believe the advice given is part of the reason I was able to secure my own summer job doing research! This summer I will be working at the London Kidney Clinical Research Unit, located at Victoria Hospital. I will have my own project, which will involve a global examination of organ donation legislation (with emphasis in comparing informed consent models to presumed consent models).

Your presentation was thorough and informative. It helped me dissect the advertisement so that I could write a better cover letter, and I felt better informed going into my interviews.

I would highly recommend this workshop be run again, as I found it very valuable.

Thank you!”
WORKSHOP #1
Obtaining Student Research Positions

• Date: Monday November 16, 2009
• Time: 5:30pm -6:30pm
• Location: HSB Rm. 236
• How to sign up: Career Central
  http://careercentral.uwo.ca

*Note: These workshops are open to Science and Health Sciences students
WORKSHOP #2
Obtaining Student Research Positions

- **Date:** Tuesday November 17, 2009
- **Time:** 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- **Location:** HSB Rm. 236
- **How to sign up:** Career Central
  [http://careercentral.uwo.ca](http://careercentral.uwo.ca)

*Note: These workshops are open to Science and Health Sciences students*
WORKSHOP #3
Building Your Application & Interview Tips

• Date: TBA
• Time: TBA
• Location: TBA
• How to sign up: Career Central
  http://careercentral.uwo.ca

• *Note: These workshops are open to Science and Health Sciences students
How can I get involved?

• Stick around at the end of the presentation
• We will get your contact information and notify you of future activities
A Big Thank You
SUBMIT!

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We look forward to receiving your articles!

Contact us:

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