Upcoming Events

SFU Nobel Talks, celebrating the 2013 Nobel Prizes in Physiology or Medicine, Chemistry and Physics. 3 – 4:30pm IRMACS theatre, Applied Sciences Building. Everyone is welcome, free admissions and refreshments.

Thursday, January 9
Professor Christopher Beh, Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, SFU

Bubbles to brains – building the containers of living cells

Thursday, January 16
Professor Michael Eikerling, Department of Chemistry, SFU

Multiscale Modelling: Between the Buzz and the Nobel Cause

Wednesday, February 5
Professor Dugan O’Neil, Department of Physics, SFU

The Higgs Boson. Giving Mass to the Elementary Particles

Congratulations

Dugan O’Neil has been appointed Chief Science Officer by Compute Canada. Dugan will be helping Compute Canada support and plan around Canadian researchers’ evolving computing needs.

David Vocadlo has been awarded the national 2014 CSC - Teva Canada Lt. Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Lectureship Award, for a distinguished contribution to the field of biological or medicinal chemistry, as represented by particularly seminal publications. David will be giving an award lecture at the CSC-2014 here in Vancouver: http://www.csc2014.ca/

Fiona Brinkman has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Genome Canada.

Well done Fiona, Dugan and David!

Dean’s Office News

Amanda Reaume is leaving SFU, to join the UBC Faculty of Land and Food Systems in the role of Development Officer. Amanda has worked for Advancement and the Faculty of Science since 2012 and was instrumental in developing new fundraising relationships in support of outreach programs such as Science in Action, Starry Nights, Taste of Pi, and Math Catcher, as well as Biological Sciences’ Pest Management Program. Amanda’s last day will be Friday, January 10th, 2014.
Dean of Science Secretary, Indra Parhar, has left SFU after 10 years to pursue other opportunities.

We will miss Amanda and Indra and wish them the best of luck.

**Staff and Faculty News**

3 Minute Thesis Competition (3MT)
The Faculty of Science will be participating in this 2nd annual event for Graduate students. Winners will take part in the university-wide final on March 10 and the nationals in Winnipeg in May. Details can be found at: http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/events/three-minute-thesis.html

Faculty of Science Departmental Heat will take place on Monday, February 24. To sign up, email scirec@sfu.ca

**Hoodies for Sale**
Get your limited-edition Faculty of Science hoodie while supplies last! Unisex sizes XS - L, $35 taxes included. Cash or cheque only. Hoodies can be purchased during regular office hours at the Dean of Science office reception.
Campus Campaign
Congratulations to Earth Sciences for winning the Departmental Challenge for Campus Campaign! In a department of only 22 faculty, staff and retirees, they raised $10,593.32. A prize of a $500 donation will be given to the to a fund of the department’s choice. Congratulations as well to Statistics and Actuarial Sciences for having the highest participation rate with 52% of faculty, staff and retirees donated this year!

A job well done to the rest of the departments who did a phenomenal job of helping us raise the most money Science has ever raised in a Campus Campaign to date. With your help, we are better equipped to support students, research, and community outreach.

Mock Multiple Mini Interview Day
Please let your students know that there is still time to sign up for Mock Multiple Mini Interview Day on Friday, January 10th from 10:15 - 4:30 pm. The MMI Day is for students who have secured interviews for medical/dental/professional school programs and would like to experience a realistic, timed, interview session. Call or visit Career Services, 778-782-3106, Maggie Benston Ctr. 0300.

Call for Nominations: Sterling Prize in Support of Controversy
The Sterling Prize Committee is looking for work that challenges complacency. The Nora and Ted Sterling Prize in Support of Controversy is awarded annually to a recipient whose work presents new ways of looking at the world, ways that are daring and creative. Whether a student, a staff member, an academic at SFU, or a member of the community who has a connection to the University, the prize winner is selected for decidedly unconventional and distinctly untraditional work that provokes a wide audience. The winner receives a cash award of $5,000 and makes a public presentation at the Centre for Dialogue.

Nomination Form: http://www.sfu.ca/sterlingprize/
Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2014.

The Sterling Prize Committee would appreciate receiving notice of intention to nominate. Whether you’re planning to put together a nomination package, or would like to suggest an individual whose work merits consideration, please contact the committee at vpacad@sfu.ca.

2014 PICS Graduate Fellowship Call
Applications are now being accepted for PICS graduate fellowships for students enrolled in a graduate program at one of the four PICS collaborating universities (UVic, UBC, SFU or UNBC).

There are three levels of fellowship support available to students:
PhD – $18,000 per year for a maximum of three years
Masters – thesis required or extended project required – $12,000 per year for two years
Masters (single year) – project required – $4,000 per year for one year
Please note that applications must be submitted by project supervisors at one of the four collaborating universities. Students interested in receiving a PICS fellowship should contact their supervisor.

The deadline for applications is 12:00 noon PST on Monday, February 3, 2014. 
http://pics.uvic.ca/fellowships/graduate

Celebration of SFU Authors: A Message on Behalf of SFU Library
For the past six years, the SFU Library has hosted an annual event celebrating SFU faculty, students, staff, alumni and retired university community members who have authored, co-authored or edited a book, or its equivalent.

The Library is currently accepting submissions for works that were published in 2013. The eligibility criteria can be found at: 
http://www.lib.sfu.ca/authors-event

SFU authors who meet the eligibility criteria outlined on the website are invited to submit their publications via the survey at: 
https://websurvey.sfu.ca/cgi-bin/WebObjects/WebSurvey.woa/wa/survey?149459387
The deadline for submissions is February 3, 2014.

A reception to mark the accomplishments of SFU authors will be held in March (date and time TBA), in the Library’s Special Collections and Rare Books Division (7th Floor - Room 7100).

Contact: Angela Raasch, Coordinator: araasch@sfu.ca, 778-782-6704

Canada Summer Jobs
Canada Summer Jobs provides funding for not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers, and small businesses with 50 or fewer full-time employees to create career-related summer job opportunities for students between the ages of 15 and 30.

Please contact Brenda Badgero (bbadgero@sfu.ca) for SFU specific information on how to apply, local priorities, and eligibility criteria. Submit your application online, by mail, or in person at any Service Canada office by January 31, 2014. Employers will be informed of the status of their application in April 2014.

For more information: 
www.servicecanada.gc.ca
1-800-935-5555 (ATS : 1-800-926-9105)