

## UPAC Agenda

Feb 9, 2022

Marley 230

8:45-10:00 AM

8:45 am to 9:00 am: **Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships Updates:**  
Valeria Quijada

- 1) Dedicated to helping find, apply, and obtain competitive scholarships. Externally funded scholarships. Very competitive due to benefits. Students across the nation can apply. Scholarships can fund anything from study abroad, research (including international), additional funding for undergrad and grad.
- 2) In addition to finances, there are exclusive networking opportunities. Access and/or mentorship opportunities. Alumni. Great for the job hunt and LORs.
- 3) Financial and networking benefits.
- 4) Housed in the Honors College, but they work w/ all students not just Honors. Work w/ all majors.
- 5) How should students go about applying for competitive scholarships?
  - a) The earlier the outreach, the better. Not typical.
  - b) Students find out about the office later in their academic career or they reach out close to or past deadlines.
  - c) Some have very specific requirements, such as junior standing, strict deadlines.
  - d) Students don't know that the office exists and what it offers.
  - e) Will meet w/ students regardless of their class standing.
  - f) Students can bring info on a scholarship they found and will still receive help.
- 6) How can advisors help?
  - a) Students don't see themselves as competitive. Encouragement from faculty/staff really helps.
  - b) Students can set up one-on-one meetings and can be referred to website.  
Database of scholarships.
    - i) <https://oncs.arizona.edu/>
- 7) Scholarships don't typically have in-person v online requirement, but there are often citizenship or other requirements.

9:00 am to 9:15 am: **FRONTERA & BLAISER Research Programs:** Genesis Salazar

- 1) They have been two separate programs but will be merged.
- 2) FRONTERA is a border area program with a focus on public health in the border region.
- 3) BLAISER is designed to address health disparities in the region.
- 4) Both provide mentorship, GRE workshops, and travel to learn more about health disparities in the border region.
  - a) Travel will be virtual.
- 5) Students present at a summer research conference and create a poster.

- 6) Eligibility: Undergraduates, 3.00, one year of gen chem and biology, underrepresented students.
- 7) BLAISER requires seniors with certain major preferences. 3.25 GPA.
  - a) Applications are graded holistically, so students can still apply below a 3.25
- 8) Benefits: Stipend; on-campus housing; MCAT/GRE prep; upper division, graded research units.
- 9) February 21 application deadline for summer 2022 research programs.

9:15 am to 9:30 am: **Office of the Registrar:** Michael Davenport & Patti Flanagan

- 1) Tuition appeals. New process that began last year.
- 2) Designed for students who need redress/exception to university policy.
  - a) Posted refund dates for the semester.
  - b) All or none – drop before or after the refund deadline and tuition is or isn't adjusted.
  - c) Process for students to submit requests due to extenuating circumstances that prevented them from dropping before the deadline.
  - d) Appeals committee includes representative from across campus. Variety of staff from different areas who work with students for different perspectives.
- 3) Process.
  - a) Must be submitted within one year from last day of class of semester appealing.
  - b) Online process through the website.
  - c) The more they can provide, the better in a personal statement. Supporting documentation is required. Anything that supports the appeal is important for the committee.
  - d) Committee will verify dates of access/participation in D2L.
  - e) Appeals can take 4-6 weeks once a complete appeal is received.
  - f) Requests are reviewed for administrative errors. Otherwise, they go through the appeals process.
  - g) Patti ensures they have a complete packet for review to submit to the committee.
- 4) Updates can be found in trellis under related tab.
- 5) Classes must be dropped/withdrawn.
- 6) Missing documentation is a common issue.
- 7) Contact [reghelp@email.arizona.edu](mailto:reghelp@email.arizona.edu) for assistance.
- 8) Can petition for single course withdrawal if it impacts their tuition date.

9:30 am to 9:45 am: **Orientation Updates:** Dolores Machado

- 1) Summer 2022 will be online.
- 2) <https://orientation.arizona.edu>
  - a) Includes summer 2022 orientation schedule and FAQs
- 3) Full-day program 8am-5pm with live sessions. Attendance is tracked w/ zoom sessions. Students are reminded to log in via arizona.zoom.us and log in with net ID and password.
- 4) Some sessions have smaller groups.
  - a) Optional sessions available throughout the day.

- 5) Destination Arizona includes UA Clicks and Wildcat Welcome. Now includes a convocation.
  - a) Hoping that Fall 2022 will be in-person with live online options.
  - b) Mix of mandatory and optional programming.
  - c) Available to incoming students (first-year, transfer, global).
  - d) Schedule includes information on resources, social mixers, tours, etc.
  - e) Guidebook and Goose Chase will be used to make it more interactive.
    - i) Guidebook provides the schedule.

9:45 am to 9:55 am: **Think Tank Updates:** Alyssa Okeeffe

- 1) Bear Down Gym is now open.
  - a) Writing Center is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
    - i) Workshop Wednesdays are now in Bear Down Gym are at 5pm.
  - b) SI and test prep will be located there. Main location still in BASC.
- 2) Materials available for advisors to send out.
  - a) Online workshops, academic skills, and other services available.
- 3) New services for tech workshops.
  - a) They can schedule a tech workshop to learn more about Microsoft office.
  - b) Ideally, they should bring their own laptop.
- 4) Updated learning modules with interactive elements instead of just power points.

9:55 am to 10:00 am: **Wrap Up Announcements:** Nicole Gonzalez

- 1) Career Days coming up.
- 2) Upcoming Lunch and Learn February 23 from ASEMS.
- 3) UPAC co-chairs coming up. Consider if you're interested!