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The Newsletter from the Office of Student Employment

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Mark Your Calendar!

SPU Student Employment

Job Fair

Thursday, October 2nd

11 am - 2 pm, Upper Gwinn

Meet **on-campus** and **off-campus** employers for part-time jobs during the academic year. **Hint:** bring your resume and dress professionally!

Get your resume ready for the Student Employment Job Fair!

Watch the [webinar](#) and utilize our online [résumé tips and samples](#) to prepare a draft. Then stop by the CCC for a professional review!

[Center for Career and Calling](#) on the 2nd floor of the SUB.

Tuesday Sept. 30 noon—4pm

Wednesday Oct. 1 10 am—2pm



Working Off Campus: Perks

In 2011, 72% of college students in the U.S. worked on or off campus. At Seattle Pacific, many students seek on-campus jobs, however there are many clear benefits to working off campus and reasons why you should potentially pursue that kind of work.

One of the leading benefits to working off campus is that it provides students with an opportunity to explore their intended career fields. Statistically, 1 in 5 State Work Study positions (off-campus) leads to a permanent position after graduation. In addition, there is greater variety in off-campus jobs as well as higher pay opportunities depending on the career field of interest. Working off campus also provides students with numerous opportunities to network which is very beneficial, considering studies show that upwards of 80% of jobs are found through networking.

Don't Let the Distance Stop You

Working off campus requires transportation to get to the place of work, but this shouldn't deter you from getting one of these highly rewarding jobs. According to recent ratings, Seattle is ranked as the 9th city for "transit and walkability", and the price is right. A bus ride is only \$2.50 (or \$1.25 if you are 18 or younger), and additionally great offers are available to SPU students. An ORCA Card, a bus pass for Seattleites, is available to SPU students each quarter at a special rate. An email will be sent out mid-August explaining how and when you may purchase this, at which time you can proceed to Banner to buy the card for a 3 month time span. Associated Students of Seattle Pacific (ASSP) provides bus passes that are available in SPU's Student Union Building (The SUB) by hour or day. A 5 hour pass is free, and a 24 hour pass costs only \$2. Of course, walking is free, and students may consider biking, driving, or carpooling as other options.

Should My College Student Look for a Job On-Campus or Off-Campus?

For more information about transportation:

Need a bus pass as a student?

Do you have **questions** about buss passes as a parent?

[Sound Transit](#)

looking for a fall job?

In the 2013-2014 school year, over 2,500 jobs were posted on the SPU JobLink website.

Check it out to land yourself a job!

Visit **SPU JobLink**, our resource for posting jobs **on campus** and around SPU. If you haven't already, register for an account. Then you can build your profile and search "jobs & internships" to find a match for you! Click [here](#) for more information about **JobLink**.

SPOTLIGHT

Seattle Biomedical Research Institution

Ashley Vaughn. PhD Employer

What do you look for when you are hiring, students in particular?

I look for an inborn inquisitiveness. The need to know, understand and question are vital attributes for researchers.

Why do you like to hire college students?

One of our Missions at Seattle BioMed is to encourage and teach the next generation of life scientists. It is essential for our organization to reach out to local colleges and universities to find tomorrow's talent. College students possess a unique worldview and I benefit from their unbridled enthusiasm and hopefully they benefit from encountering the ups and downs of scientific research. Many students don't have the opportunities to see how research is actually carried out and working at Seattle BioMed gives our hires that viewpoint and advantage.

When looking for a student employee, what convinced you to hire your student employee?

I have had a number of students from SPU work in the lab with me over the years. During an initial short interview, I can typically tell if the student is going to be a good fit for the lab. A sense of self is important, as is the ability to get on well in a high-pressure environment. Additionally, our lab has people from all over the world and thus respect for all people is necessary.

Did you work when you were in college or high school? What was that like?

When I was in college in the UK, I was lucky enough to be enrolled in a program where I had the opportunity to perform bench science research for two six-month periods in leading research institutes. This opened my eyes to how research was actually carried out and helped me decide to enter a graduate program and obtain my PhD after college.

Do you have any advice for students who are looking for a job in science, or are thinking about looking?

Ask yourself "Do I want to understand the scientific process? Am I interested in helping cure disease? Can I deal with experimental failure? Do I enjoy working with others?"

Any additional comments: If you are thinking of pursuing a career in the life sciences, experiencing the job first hand is an essential first step to help you decide for sure.

Kathryn Ushimaru Student Employee Lab Assistant Kappe Lab, Seattle BioMed

What does a day look like at work for you?

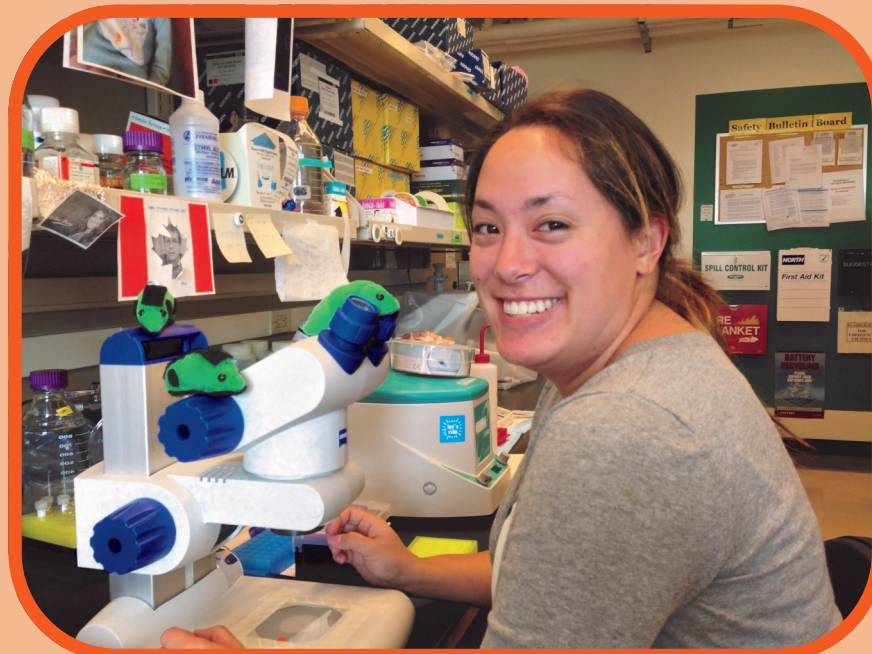
Our lab focuses on liver-stage development in the parasite that causes malaria. One of my priorities is to make sure that the lab is stocked with the necessary supplies and solutions (which sometimes involves slicing livers!). This summer, I also started working on a project with my supervisor, Ashley. I perform a lot of basic molecular biology experiments: isolating, replicating, and cutting the parasite's DNA.

How long have you been working at Seattle BioMed?

I have been working here for 1 year.

What motivates you to go to work?

Definitely the people! I love geeking out with fellow biologists as they tell me about the experiments that they are running. Now that I have started working on my own project, it is rewarding to share my results with them as well.



What have you gained through this experience, specifically as related to your role as a student and employee?

When I am working in the lab, time slips away. It is incredibly easy to become immersed in the experiments, and I am always surprised when it is time to leave for class! I also appreciate the tools and techniques- it has given me an advantage during the labs at SPU.

Do you have any funny stories to share from your time at work?

Our lab loves to play pranks! A common one involves putting a bit of dry ice in a small centrifuge tube. As the dry ice warms up, the pressure builds inside the tube. All of a sudden, POP! You never know when the next "explosion" will take place!

Does your job relate to your major or career plans at all?

Most Cellular and Molecular Biology majors go on to do research at facilities such as Seattle BioMed, but I plan to enter a graduate program in Genetic Counseling. I have always loved working with people, and my passion really lies in helping those with genetic disorders. I am confident that my experience in the Kappe Lab has prepared me for the lab-intensive courses in the Genetic Counseling program.

Has working for Seattle BioMed changed your plans for your future?

I have wanted to be a genetic counselor since my first genetics lesson in high school. While my plans for the future have not changed, I have gained a greater respect for those that work in a laboratory setting. It is disappointing when experiments fail, but that is part of the learning process!