

RI SURF 2015 Schedule of Events

Attendance at scheduled events is expected of all SURF students when feasible. Please consult with your SURF mentor so that your research schedule can accommodate as many of these events as possible.

May 26

2015 RI SURF program starts!

8:30 – 11:00 am

Orientation

@ Roger Williams University (GHH G01)

Note: Light refreshments will be provided

June 18

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

The Science and Industry of Biofuels

@ URI (Pharmacy building – room 130)

- Dr. Breton DeBoeff (URI - Chemistry)
Chemical Synthesis of Biofuels from Orthodox and Unorthodox Sources
- Lunch with Chris Benzak, Managing Partner, Newport Biodiesel, LLC
@ Beavertail State Park (Jamestown, RI)
- Tour of Newport Biodiesel (Newport, RI)

Note: Boxed lunches and busing from and back to URI will be provided

June 24

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Dealing with the Data

@ URI (Pharmacy building - room 170)

- Dr. Sunshine Menezes (Metcalf Institute)
Why Our Future Depends on Great Science Communicators...And How to Be One
- TBD
Introduction to Bioinformatics

June 30

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Aquaculture & Oyster Restoration in the Ocean State

@ Roger Williams University (Marine & Natural Science Building - room 107)

- Dr. Dale Leavitt (RWU - Biology, Marine Biology, & Environmental Science)
Introduction to Oyster Gardening
- Tour of the Blount Shellfish Hatchery
- Tour of oyster restoration site (Town Pond, Portsmouth, RI)

Note: Boxed lunches and transportation (via boat) to and from Town Pond provided

July 7

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Scientific Poster Design Workshop

@ Rhode Island School of Design (Edna Lawrence Nature Lab)

- Neal Overstrom (Nature Lab Director)
- Micah Barrett (Graphic Designer)

July 10

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Annual SURF Picnic & Keynote Lecture

@ Salve Regina University

- Dr. Alycia Austin (URI - Graduate School)
Tips and strategies for applying to graduate and professional school
- Dr. David Taylor (RWU – Biology, Marine Biology, & Environmental Science)
RI SURF Keynote Lecture
Mercury contamination in local fisheries and risks to human consumers
- BBQ lunch

July 16

3:00 pm

Registration deadline for SURF Conference*

Friends and family welcome!

July 23

Times TBD

Field Trip to Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
Groton, CT

July 24

3:00 pm

Deadline for submitting SURF Conference abstracts*

July 31

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

SURF Conference*

@ URI (Pharmacy Building and Center for Biotechnology & Life Sciences)

Note: Light refreshments and boxed lunches will be provided

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* For additional information about the SURF conference and to register and/or submit abstracts visit
<http://web.uri.edu/surfconference/>