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# EEBL 610

## First Year Graduate Seminar

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Fall 2015; 1 credit hour

Tuesdays 9-9:50am

Vet Med Research Building Addition  
(Building 1811) Room 278

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### Course Description

Students attend and actively participate in a weekly conversation on completing a PhD degree and career planning with EEB core faculty and others. The goal of this course is to familiarize students with procedures and expectations for graduate school and with the opportunities available to them for research, education, and collegial interactions at TAMU; to foster collegial interaction among EEB students and faculty campus-wide; and to advise and inform students on career options, career strategies, and funding opportunities. This course will also facilitate and require preparation of competitive extramural fellowship applications like NSF-Graduate Research Fellowship Program.

Prerequisite: graduate classification. E-mail will be the primary means of communication for the course.

### Learning Outcomes

- Recognize the opportunities for education, research, collaboration, and other student involvement within the EEB program;
- Compare career paths in EEB including academic and non-academic positions;
- Network with professionals in the EEB field;
- Prepare and critically evaluate a fellowship or other grant proposal.

### Course Requirements

- Attend all sessions. Absences for previously scheduled activities will only be excused if they are communicated in advance. See <http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07>.
- Participate actively in discussions among students and discussion leaders.
- Prepare an NSF-GRFP, EPA-STAR or comparable proposal for critique by your faculty sponsor and other colleagues.

### Grading

Pass/fail based on attendance and proposal submission. Three or more unexcused absences or failure to submit a timely proposal to faculty sponsor without an appropriate justification will be grounds for failure.

### Instructor

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### Academic Integrity Statement

For additional information visit: <http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor>.

Please pay close attention to the guidelines on avoiding plagiarism. "An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do"

## Weekly Schedule (subject to change)

Lecture	Date	Faculty Leader	Topic
<b>Graduate student opportunities</b>			
1	1-Sep	Spence Behmer, Gil Rosenthal, Adam Jones	Welcome to grad school; Aggieland
2	8-Sep	Georgianne Moore, EEBISO students	EEB student organization
3	15-Sep	David Baumgardner	Summer field course opportunities
<i>Week of September 14: College of Veterinary Medicine and EEB will host an evening workshop for those interested in applying to NSF GRFP (due Oct 26, 2015)</i>			
4	22-Sep	Anna Armitage	TAMU@Galveston and exchange opportunities
5	29-Sep	Lee Fitzgerald	ABS program and conservation careers
<b>Funding and conducting research</b>			
6	6-Oct	Michel Slotman	Grant opportunities and how to write grants
7	13-Oct	Jessica Light	Work-life balance
8	20-Oct	Raul Medina	Maximizing efficiency and welcoming collaborations
9	27-Oct	Kevin Conway	Collections-based research
10	3-Nov	Mary Wicksten	Procedural issues (IACUC, permits, lab safety)
<b>Careers, writing, and reviewing</b>			
11	10-Nov	Juliana Rangel	Academic/research careers
12	17-Nov	Tom Lacher	Non academic careers
13	24-Nov	Jenni Simonsen, Medical Sciences librarian	Library resources and University Writing Center
14	1-Dec	Bill Rogers/ Lisa Campbell	Scientific publishing and reviewing

**\*There will be NO FINAL EXAM for EEEL 610\***