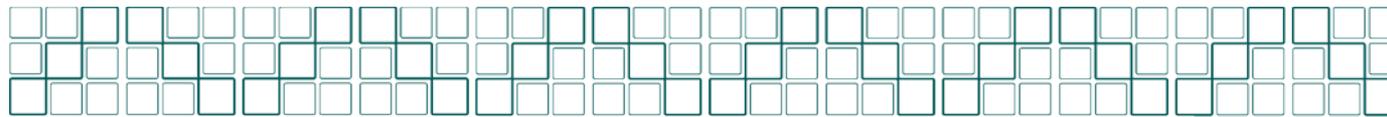

Preparing to Lead a Summer Journal Club - Summer 2015

Important Dates

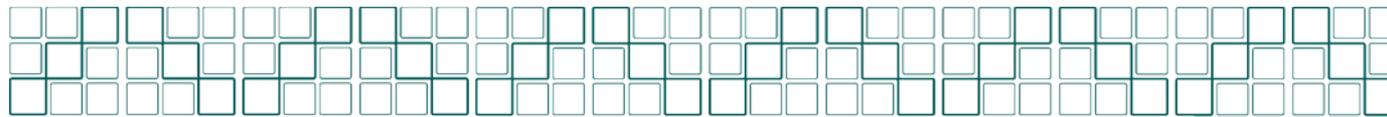
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What Is Required Before You Apply to Lead a Summer Journal Club?

- Watch this Webinar for important details
- Attend “[Tips for Mentoring a Summer Intern Webinar](#)” on May 7th, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM
 - And/or watch the videocast on ["Tips for Mentoring a Summer Intern and Leading a Journal Club"](#)
- Submit application with journal club title, description, names of all co-leaders, the dates, times, and location(s)
 - YOU are responsible for finding a co-leader.
 - YOU are responsible for identifying a meeting place and reserving it. OITE will not be able to assist you in this.



What Is Required to Lead a Summer Journal Club?

- Provide your own materials and supplies
 - Select the articles to be presented/read (or approving student choices)
 - Provide a projector, laptop, etc

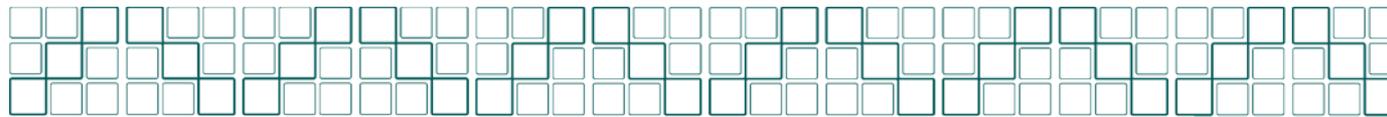
- Establish and maintain communication with enrolled students
 - Send reminders each week prior to the meeting

- Maintain an attendance list for each meeting



Journal Club Details

- Start the week of June 22nd
- End no later than July 31st
- Meet a minimum of four (4) times and a maximum of six (6) times
- No more than twelve (12) students per journal club



Important Dates

- **May 8th (by 12 PM)** – Deadline to submit journal club registration:
 - Must have title, description, co-Leader(s), dates, times and location
 - Registration is online
- **June 15th** – Journal club leaders will receive their student lists
- Week of **June 22nd** – All journal clubs start



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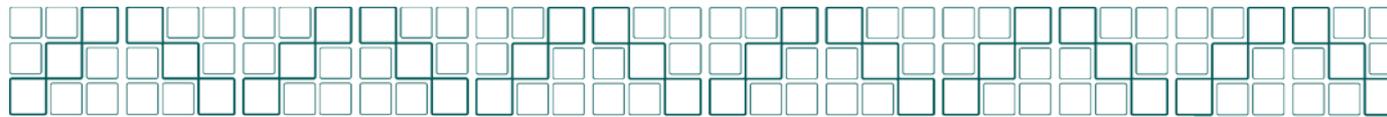
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What you need to know and do

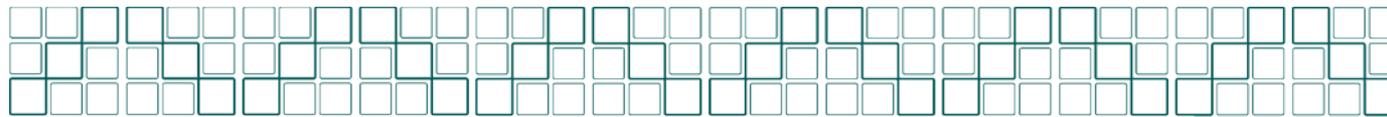
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Objectives

- Goals for journal club leaders and students
- Additional helpful information

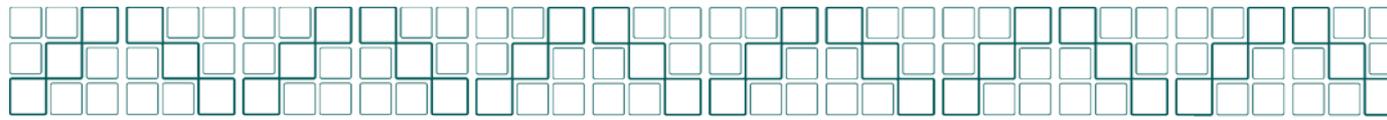


What's in It for You?

- Experience
 - Teaching
 - Administering/organizing
 - Mentoring

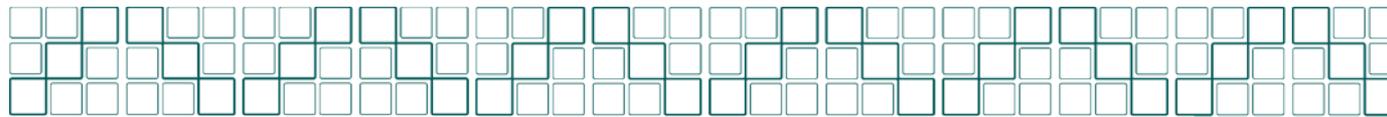
- Giving back
 - Passing along knowledge and wisdom
 - Encouraging the next generation

- Fun



Goals for Our Summer Interns

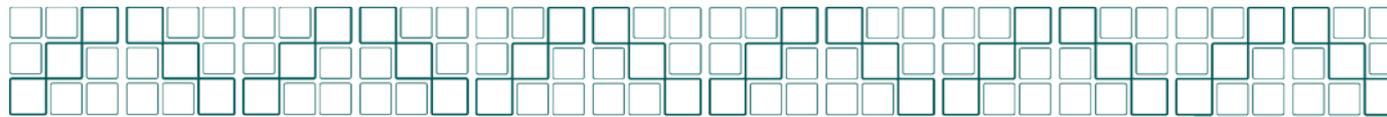
- Gain critical reading experience
- Learn about laboratory techniques
- Practice discussing scientific topics
- Gain deeper understanding of specific topics



Understanding Your Audience

- The level of experience for summer students varies
 - First summer doing research
 - Have been a summer student before
 - Have years of experience in a lab

- The level of education for summer students varies
 - High School students (16 years and up)
 - Community College/University Students
 - Medical/Dental Students

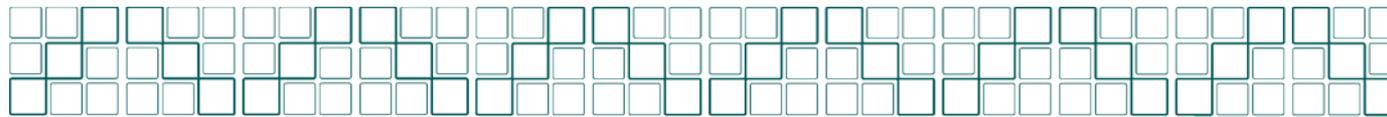


Picking a Topic

- Broad enough to be widely applicable
 - Not a journal club on your specific research
 - Needs to be interesting to broad spectrum of students

- Specific enough to have focus
 - Not “Cancer” or “AIDS”
 - Better: “Current trends in targeted therapies for breast cancer”

- Mainstream enough to attract students
 - Students will want to learn about something they have heard about.
 - The idea is to deepen their understanding.

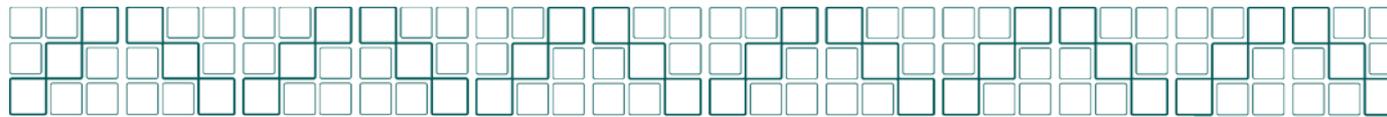


Picking a Title

- Goal of a title
 - Gain the reader's attention
 - Help them determine if club is right for them

- Should accurately represent the topic
 - Should focus on the most marketable aspects
 - Should not be too vague or broad as to be misleading

- Does NOT have to be a word for word reiteration of the topic
 - Should convey what the topic will be
 - You can be creative...but don't get carried away

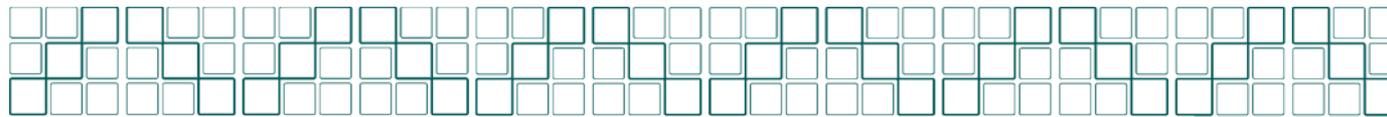


Finding a Co-Leader

- Pick someone dependable and reliable

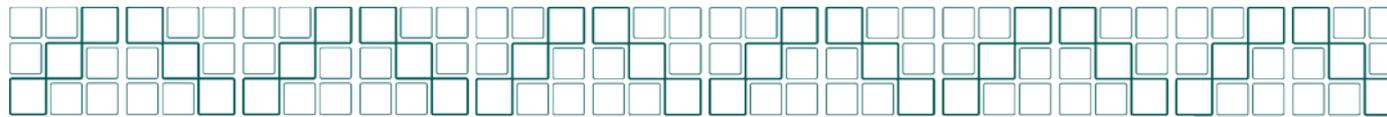
- Start with who you know
 - Research group, collaborator, Lab, floor
 - Scientific Interest Group

- Send out a request via a listserv



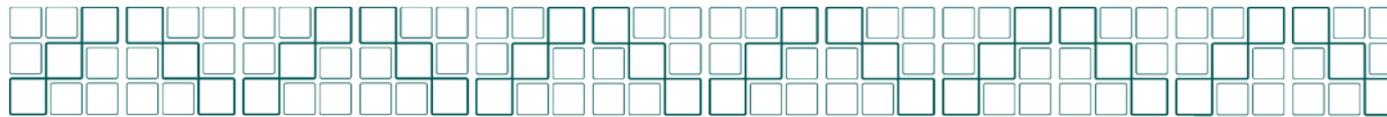
Responsibilities of Leaders

- Select the articles that will be discuss before the start of your journal club
- Determine the format of your journal club
- Maintain communication with the students throughout the duration of the journal club
- Send articles to the students at least one week in advance
- Communicate with the student' s mentors to encourage them to attend your journal club
- Assist OITE with the journal club evaluations from both students and leaders



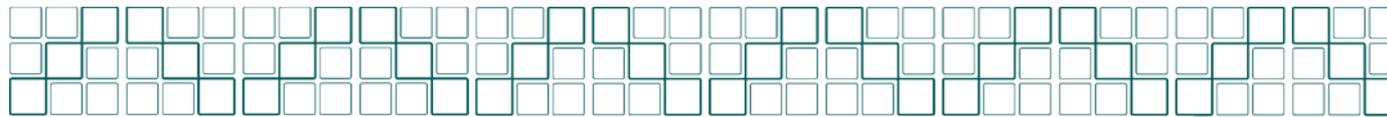
Finding and Reserving a Room

- Know what you are looking for
 - Needs to accommodate 10-12 people
 - Needs to be able to house any audiovisual (AV) equipment you want to use
- Start with who you know
 - PI
 - Administrative staff
- Contact Events Management



Tips for a Successful Journal Club

- Consider the educational level of your students when selecting articles and guiding discussion
- Establish expectations (two way street)
- Give general background information about the topics and/or techniques covered in first meeting
- Create a supporting learning environment for everyone
- Provide the students with guided questions
- Provide feedback to students regarding their presentations/analysis of the paper



Questions?

- Resources
 - Summer Journal Club Leader Information 2015

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