



From the Rep

Welcome to the very first TOS Student Newsletter! Let me introduce myself. I

am Stefanie Mack, the TOS Council Student Representative. I was elected to serve a three-year term in 2016, and I provide the Council with a student's perspective on current issues and Council decisions. I recently received my PhD in oceanography from Old Dominion University, and started a postdoc at the University of Washington.

This is an exciting time to be the student rep, as TOS is focusing on what it can do for student members. Perhaps you noticed that student membership is now free! Or that we are in the testing phase of a new mentorship program, designed to help students explore career options outside of academia. There are more student-centric ideas in the pipeline, including some specifically for the next Ocean Sciences Meeting.

I want to make TOS a great organization that supports students. So, let me know. What do you want out of your membership? What information or opportunities are you missing? Have any brilliant ideas about ways to make graduate school life better? Check out the feedback box for ways to get in touch.

– Stefanie



Meet Your TOS Student Subcommittee Member

NUNZIA PIRRO. I always liked challenges: they make life less boring and more exciting. My intellectual curiosity and passion for learning weren't satiated after completing a Master's degree in structural engineering. For this reason, I started my PhD in physical oceanography while on a boat in the Indian Ocean. It was a great opportunity, a unique experience, and a different way to start my studies. My home institution, the University of Notre Dame (Indiana), is actively involved in field campaigns in the northern Indian Ocean with the goal to understand air-sea interaction in the Bay of Bengal.

Being a TOS subcommittee student member is a bigger and newer challenge for me. My aim is to serve the TOS student community positively, by both improving our education in ocean science and giving voice to students' opinions, advice, and concerns. I will use the skills set and competencies I have acquired in past years while serving in the Engineering Student Association to help grow ocean science community awareness and impact within the university setting. I wish to create a challenging and fruitful environment for students.



Countdown to Ocean Sciences 2018

February 11–16 » Portland, OR, USA » osm.agu.org

Join us at the 2018 Ocean Sciences Meeting. Explore a broad array of marine science topics and broaden your connections within the oceanography community. More student activities are in the works, including a Student and Early Career Conference on Sunday, February 11. Keep your eyes on this section for information!

ABSTRACTS. Submissions open mid-July 2017; deadline September 6, 2017

FUNDING. Student and early career attendees will be eligible to apply for limited travel support to the Ocean Sciences Meeting. Be sure to also check with your department or institution to see if scholarships are available to fund student conference travel.

News & Views

HOW EFFICIENT ARE YOU? Find tips for managing your time so that you can lead more of a life outside of the lab. » <https://www.nature.com/naturejobs/science/articles/10.1038/nj7656-175a>

Student Resources

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN. An IDP helps you explore career possibilities and set goals to follow the career path that fits you best. » <https://myidp.sciencecareers.org>

TOS RESOURCES PAGE. Find job and fellowship links, shiptime opportunities, and helpful articles and websites. » <https://tos.org/opportunities>

Career Tips

A CV IS NOT A RESUME, EXCEPT WHEN IT IS! Definitions and expectations for CVs and resumes vary by job type and by country. Make sure you have the correct document in the correct format for your next job application.

KNOW WHEN YOU WANT TO GRADUATE? Try creating a timeline by working backward from that date. Figure out approximate times for important events such as exams and your thesis defense. Remember to leave extra time for responses from committee members. You never know when someone will be in the field or on vacation.



In Oceanography

CAREER PROFILES. Roughly 60 ocean scientists who have pursued jobs outside of academia have contributed to *Oceanography's* Career Profiles column. Read about their career trajectories and suggestions on how to go about looking for jobs.

» <https://tos.org/career-profiles>

CALL FOR INPUT! Want to see more profiles? Have other questions to ask? Interested in different careers? Please tell us what you think about this column. » studentrep@tos.org

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