The Great Lakes Bioinformatics Consortium is pleased to announce the formation of the Great Lakes Bioinformatics Consortium Student Council. We are delighted to promote the inaugural year of the Student Council in conjunction with GLBIO 2014.

This student council will act in conjunction with the Great Lakes Bioinformatics Consortium to assist in developing programs and opportunities for student growth through enhanced educational and networking opportunities. It aims to foster active student involvement in establishing long-term, collaborative relationships among informatics and life sciences researchers and educators from academia, government, and industry within the North American Great Lakes region, including the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin in the U.S, as well as the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The Great Lakes region hosts 146 students, 61 post-docs, and 234 professionals who are also members of the International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB), which span a total of 134 universities and research institutions.

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TRAINING TOPIC FOR STUDENT EDUCATIONAL SESSION AT GLBIO 2015, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

We believe that individual, hands-on experience in unfamiliar research areas is invaluable for the professional development of students. To address this need, we plan to organize an annual training workshop on one of the hot topics in computational biology each year, chosen based on the research areas and interests of the member students. For the first training session, which will precede GLBIO 2015 at Purdue University, we are currently looking for YOUR feedback to find which topic may interest you, as a student, to have for the training workshop. Please review the following list of items and take our poll NOW! www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/1yX6FSzg2yJIWEI

Let us know the topic(s) you find most appealing and are interested to know more about:

- Next generation sequence analysis
- Introduction to R and Bioconductor
- A hands-on tutorial on GWAS data analysis
- Decoding biological systems with ENCODE
JOIN US IN CINCINNATI at the STUDENT EVENT

Saturday, May 17 at 6:30pm, Arlin’s Bar & Restaurant
307 Ludlow Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45220, (513) 751-6566

We invite you to attend a networking and social event – lead by students, for students! Come meet other students in a relaxed setting, where we promise food, fun and cheerful people! Hear about the RSG, what it means to you, how you can get involved and have a hand in shaping student leadership in the Great Lakes Bioinformatics Consortium. And, enjoy time to meet and mingle with your peers. Please direct questions to Shahin Mohammadi at shahin.mohammadi@gmail.com or Veronica (Xiaoyu) Liang at xl187007@ohio.edu. We hope to see you there! This is an official event of the GLBIO 2014, and of the Student Council.