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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shared Call for T32 Nominations: Developmental Biology; Computational Genomics; Cell and Molecular Biology; and Genetics

The following training grants are soliciting nominations of graduate students for the 2019-2020 academic year through a BGS-managed web-based system. Training grants fund a significant portion of a student's tuition, fees, and stipend. Appointment to a training grant is recognition of academic promise and distinction and, in some cases, provides additional training opportunities or funds for travel to scientific meetings. To be eligible for consideration, a student must be a US citizen or permanent resident (green card holder) and must have received no more than four years of NRSA funding by the time of appointment. Additional criteria for each grant are specified in the [descriptions available here](#).

Opportunities for students who will have reached dissertation level - May 1 deadline:

Developmental Biology
Computational Genomics

Opportunities for students who are entering year two (or sometimes three) - June 7 deadline:

Cell and Molecular Biology
Genetics

Seeking Nominations - Annual Department of Cancer Biology Excellence in Teaching Award

Student nominations are now being accepted for the Annual Department of Cancer Biology Excellence in Teaching Award.

This award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement in teaching graduate, medical, or undergraduate students. Nominations are encouraged for faculty who have demonstrated excellence in didactic teaching, basic and/or clinical research training or other activities that contribute to our increased understanding of cancer and its treatment.

Please find guidelines for the nomination process [here](#). All faculty members within the Penn community are eligible for the award. **Nominations are due April 30th**. Please email all nominations in PDF format to Ashley Hughes at ashughes@upenn.edu.

The chosen recipient will be presented with the award at the annual Cancer Biology Retreat Cancer Biology Retreat June 26-28, to be held at the Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, NY.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BGSA & BGS Present, "Beyond the Bench: Alumni Networking Happy Hour"

Are you interested in learning more about how you can apply your Ph.D. training to careers beyond the bench? BGSA and BGS are hosting a mixer event so that you can interact with former BGS trainees who have gone on to be successful in alternate careers! Join us for drinks, food, and great conversation with our alums. RSVP to secure your spot in this event!

Friday, April 26, 2019, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Jordan Medical Education Center Lobby

More details and alumni information [here](#). **RSVP today!**
Email [Rebecca Lopez](#) for more information, or if you are no longer able to attend.

THESIS DEFENSES

Apr. 22, 1 PM (Rubenstein Auditorium, Smilow): **Alexandra Stanley (CAMB)**, “**Skeletal Muscle Regeneration and Cellular Mechanotransduction in Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP).**” Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Apr. 22, 3 PM (Lynch Lecture Hall, Chemistry Building): **Ismail Ahmed (BMB)**, “**The Development of Unnatural Amino Acid-Based Probes and Methods for Biological Studies.**” Contact [Kelli McKenna](#).

Apr. 22, 3 PM (Gaulton Auditorium, BRB): **Danielle Sanchez (CAMB)**, “**Role of the nuclear receptor PPAR γ in clear cell renal and bladder urothelial carcinoma.**” Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Apr. 23, 1:30 PM (10-146 Smilow): **Jessica Murray (PGG)**, “**The role of aldo-keto reductases and NRF2 signaling in the metabolic activation of nitrated polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.**” Contact [Sarah Squire](#).

Apr. 24, 1 PM (JMEC Law Auditorium): **Enrique Lin Shiao (BMB)**, “**Establishment and regulation of epithelial enhancers by p63.**” Contact [Kelli McKenna](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Apr. 22, 12 – 1 PM: **CB Practice Prelim Session.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 23, 3 – 5 PM: **CPM Prelim Practice.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 25, 12 – 1 PM (4054 Colket): **CAMB Vice Chair Craig Bassing Office Hours.** Contact [Craig Bassing](#).

Apr. 25, 3 – 6 PM: **CPM Prelim Practice.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 25, 5:30 – 7 PM: **CB Practice Prelims.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 26, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress Seminar: Karina Chaudhari (Bashaw lab), Vineet Kulkarni (Maday Lab), and Kyabeth Torres-Rodriguez (post-Betts lab rotation) presenting.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 26, 4 – 5 PM: **G&E FFF Happy Hour.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Apr. 26, 4:30 – 6 PM: **CB Happy Hour**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

NGG

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Don't forget to pick up your NEW NGG T-SHIRT during your class meeting with Josh. Christine will lay them out!
- Sign up to volunteer for GLIA's spring outreach events [here](#). Reminder that you must have 2 credits of volunteering per year (if you are not an event leader) in order to maintain GLIA membership

EVENTS THIS WEEK

4/22/19 1-2pm (Class of '62 Auditorium): Jennifer Blackwell Thesis Defense
4/23/19 4-6pm (Irvine Auditorium): Models of Excellence Award Ceremony and Reception
4/22/19, 4/24, 4/25 12-1pm: 3+, 2nd, and 1st year meetings with Josh
4/25/19 5:30-6:30pm (Barchi): Chalk talk ft. Solymar Rolon
4/27/19 12-4pm (Clark Park): Philly Science Festival at Clark Park

FUTURE EVENTS

4/30/19 5:30-7:30pm (Barchi): NGG Trivia Night!
5/3/19 12pm-1pm (Barchi): Return of NGG Alumni Speaker Series
5/4/19 10am-4pm (Off Campus): Outreach- Philadelphia Science Carnival

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

12TH ANNUAL NIH CAREER SYMPOSIUM

[NIH Campus, Bethesda, Maryland](#)

Natcher Conference Center, Building 45

May 10, 2019 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

[Register](#)

The NIH Career Symposium highlights the diversity of career choices available to your generation of biomedical researchers. Whether you are a new graduate student, postdoc, or clinical fellow just beginning to consider career options or a senior student/fellow ready to look for a job, the NIH Career Symposium is for you. Here are the panel descriptions and the agenda (still building the pretty program)

[Panel Descriptions](#)

[Career Symposium Agenda](#)

NIH invites any postdoc, clinical fellow or PhD-level graduate student to join, regardless if you are part of the NIH intramural program or not. This event is free to attend (participants are responsible for their own travel expenses)

Wondering what the Career Symposium is all about? Check out past events [here](#).

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Apr. 22, 4 – 5:30 PM (ARCH 108, 3601 Locust Walk): **From PhD to Admin: Career Diversity for PhDs.** Are you interested in supporting the mission and goals of academia, but not sure that a faculty position is the right path for you? Join the Grad Center to explore how you can leverage your PhD to continue to support the university in a different capacity. Hear from a diverse panel of experts, drawn from administrative offices and centers all around Penn, on how & why they decided to pursue a career in university administration after completing their own PhDs. Panel discussion followed by Q&A, with time to chat with experts over catered snacks at the end. No registration required.

Apr. 25, 1 – 2 PM (BRB 501): **BGS CTL Workshop: Giving and Receiving Constructive Criticism.** In this workshop with [Dr. Stephen DiNardo](#), attendees will engage in activities and lively discussion to develop 'best practices' for giving and receiving constructive criticism. Come and join to build on valuable communication skills that will serve you throughout your scientific career! RSVP [here](#). Contact [Katerina Placek](#) for more information.

Apr. 26, 4 – 6 PM (JMEC Lobby): **BGSA & BGS present, "Beyond the Bench: Alumni Networking Happy Hour"!** Are you interested in learning more about how you can apply your Ph.D. training to careers beyond the bench? BGSA and BGS are hosting a mixer event so that you can interact with former BGS trainees who have gone on to be successful in alternate careers! Join us for drinks, food, and great conversation with our alums. RSVP to secure your spot in this event! More details and alumni information [here](#). **RSVP today!** Email [Rebecca Lopez](#) for more information, or if you are no longer able to attend.

FUTURE EVENTS

May 7, 10 – 11 AM (BRB 501): **BGS CTL Workshop: Communicating your Science with Confidence.** How can BGS students conquer nervousness to confidently present their work to others? [Dr. Nandita Mitra](#) will lead an engaging workshop to help attendees communicate their science with confidence, focusing on 'tips and tricks' to use for preparation, presentation, and managing feedback when publicly communicating your science. RSVP [here](#). Contact [Katerina Placek](#) for more information.

CALENDAR

[Career Development](#)

RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 SACNAS Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting – Registration Deadline Today

On **Monday, June 10th**, the Penn SACNAS Chapter will host a day-long event of workshops, talks, poster presentations, and community building open to STEM undergraduate student, graduate student, postdoctoral, and faculty members. Their goal is to celebrate the power of diversity in STEM.

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT:

Prizes will be given to top three Best Poster winners: 1st place: \$250 gift card, 2nd place: \$150 gift card, 3rd place: \$75 gift card, sponsored by Mahoney Institute for Neurosciences (MINS).

Registration Deadline: Today, April 22nd!

Register at: <https://forms.gle/6UgN8mokCX3zZMUA7> and more details at:
<https://www.med.upenn.edu/sacnas/regionalmeeting.html>

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

OUTREACH EVENT: PGWISE at Clark Park

PGWISE will be hosting a booth at Science in the Park during the upcoming Philadelphia Science Carnival! Their booth will teach students about the microbiome with interactive activities. Volunteers can stay for as little as an hour or all afternoon! This event will be held on **Saturday, April 27th from noon-4pm**.

WHEN: Saturday, April 27th, noon – 4pm

WHERE: Clark Park in West Philly

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Kelsey

at kkaeding@pennteam.upenn.edu and Megan at meganfr@pennteam.upenn.edu

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Penn Med Symphony Orchestra's Spring 2019 Concert

We invite you to join the Penn Med Symphony Orchestra for our spring concert on **Saturday, May 4th at 8 pm in Irvine Auditorium!** The orchestra will be performing Dvorak's 9th Symphony ('From the New World') and a movement from his American Suite, Beethoven's Egmont Overture, and Vieuxtemps' Violin Concerto No. 5, featuring **MD/PhD student Joe Park**. This concert will also feature collaborations with the high school musicians of the Play On, Philly! Symphony Orchestra. Admission is free and open to everyone. For more details on our ensemble, please go to <https://www.pennmedsymphony.com/>

Penn Franklins Peer-to-Peer Support

Penn Franklins is a student organization composed of graduate students offering peer-to-peer support to the graduate and professional student community at Penn. For more details as well as their schedule and events, click [here!](#)

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Apr. 23, 12 PM (ARCH 108, 3601 Locust Walk): **Women and STEM in the Middle East.** Join **MEC (Middle East Center)** and **PGWISE** for a panel discussion featuring: **Dr. Tahani Amer**, Senior Technologist for NASA; **Dr. Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet**, Professor of History at UPenn; **Dr. Golnaz Vahedi**, Assistant Professor of Genetics at Penn Medicine. See flyer [here](#).

Apr. 23, 5 – 6:30 PM (Ben Franklin Room, Houston Hall): **#AcademiaToo: The Impact of Sexual Harassment in the Academy.** Since the rise of the #MeToo movement, communities across the country have begun acknowledging the incredible impact of systemic sexual harassment and academia is no exception. Join the GAPSAs Sexual Harassment Reform Committee for a panel discussion where we explore the consequences of sexual harassment and how it intersects with identity and power at the university. [More info here.](#)

Apr. 26, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM (Class of 1978 Orrery Pavilion, 6th Floor Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center): **Immersive Storytelling: Creating Narratives with Virtual & Augmented Reality.** Learn more [here!](#)

Apr. 27, 10:30 AM – 12 PM (Family Center Common Room): **Family Center at Penn: Spring Brunch & Play Date.** Join the Family Center to celebrate Earth Week at the last play date of the Spring Semester with a garden craft and a musical activity lead by [Rhythm Babies!](#) Brunch will be provided. [Please register in advance.](#) Subscribe to the Family Center weekly e-mail [here.](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

Apr. 29, 5:30 PM (CRB 302): **BGS April Board Game Night.** Pizza and drinks provided. Bring yourselves, bring your games, bring your competitive side! To stay up-to-date, join the mailing list at <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/bgs-social-gaming/join>. If you don't want to use your Google e-mail, open the link in a private window and enter your e-mail address of choice

Apr. 30, 5 PM, followed by Reception (231 S. 34th St, Chemistry 102): **Sexual Harassment of Women: Climate, Culture, & Consequences in Academic Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.** Leadership in Science Award Lecture with **Dr. Frazier F. Benva**, National Academy of Sciences. [More info here.](#)

May 1, 2:30 – 3:30 PM (Biomedical Library Relaxation Room): **#WellnessWednesday: Mindfulness & Meditation for End-of-Semester Stress.** During this session, you will be guided through mindful movements, self-applied massage, and meditation. To register, visit bit.ly/endofsemesterstress.

RESOURCES

[BGSA Website](#)

[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)

For information about upcoming events or to advertise in next week's bulletin, contact [Rebecca Lopez.](#)