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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: Your IDP Is Due August 15th

This is a reminder that your IDP is due August 15th. The more thoughtfully you complete the form, the more helpful you will find the process.

- Set aside an hour or more to consider the questions before answering.
- Many students find it quite useful to review last year's IDP (if you had filed one).

1. Download the fillable PDF form at http://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/idp.shtml.
2. The first few sections ask about your research, a self-assessment of skills, and your career development.
3. A section listing "Achievements" (section 4) is to be completed online (a link is provided in the IDP).
4. The "Action Plan": Once you have addressed the questions in the above sections, send the first three to your advisor, and set a time to meet to discuss this year's IDP. Together, you will develop an

"Action Plan" (the last section of the IDP). By all means, include your Advisory committee in this process.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact Anne-Cara Apple in the BGS office (annecara@pennmedicine.upenn.edu).

PENN GENETICS AWARDS | Kadesch Prize & Kaushal Awards | Applications Due 8/21/20

The **KADESCH PRIZE** is open to senior students or recent graduates from any Biomedical Graduate Studies graduate group.
To apply, submit:
- CV with publications (published or in press only!)
- 350 word summary of research project, emphasizing big picture significance
- 350 word summary of teaching, mentorship, and community service activities undertaken during graduate career
- Letter from thesis advisor

The **KAUSHAL AWARD** is open to BGS students and PSOM Postdocs. Applicants may nominate one of their publications, on which they are a first author or co-first author, from the current or prior academic year (after 7/1/19), that is related to any aspect of Genetics.
To apply, submit:
- Full citation for the publication being nominated
- 350-word summary describing, in lay terms, the publication's big picture significance, and the role that the first author played in the work (written by the first author, and signed by both the first author and their mentor)

Applications due August 21, 2020. Email krunyan@pennmedicine.upenn.edu with subject line, "Kadesch Prize" or "Kaushal Award." See flyer [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peer Mentor Training Seminar with Dr. Sharon Milgram - August 11

CAMB is hosting a Peer Mentor Training Seminar with guest speaker Dr. Sharon Milgram, Director of the NIH Office of Intramural Training & Education (OITE), on **August 11th from 2:00-3:15pm**. The talk is titled, **"Promoting a Growth Mindset Through Peer Mentoring."** All BGS students are welcome to attend her lecture, which will be followed by a Q&A session. CAMB students are invited to attend the following case study session workshop from 3:20-5:00pm

Non-CAMB BGS Students, please register for the lecture here: [BGS Sign Up Form for Seminar](#)

CAMB Students, please register for the lecture and/or the case study session here: CAMB Sign Up Form for Seminar and Training Workshop

Please contact Christina Strathearn (cstrat@pennmedicine.upenn.edu) or Laura Ohl (Laura.Ohl@pennmedicine.upenn.edu) with any questions. See the flyer here.

NEW Fundraising Challenge - 2020 Virtual Breakthrough Bike Challenge!

Join the Perelman School of Medicine Student Team during a 2nd Team Fundraising Challenge to get up to $500 for the teams getting the most new registrants! Raise donations for the Abramson Cancer Center by joining the Perelman School of Medicine Student team here: https://www.breakthroughbikechallenge.org/team/5050. **The 2020 Virtual BBC will take place between Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, September 13th, and participants are encouraged to bike, spin, run, or walk their pledged miles this year**.

Dr. Ivan Oransky of "Retraction Watch" speaking on 10/08 at noon

Join Penn Dental Medicine October 8th at noon for a talk by Dr. Ivan Oransky, co-founder of Retraction Watch. **Register here.**
"The seamier side of academia, lying, cheating and occasionally stealing, this is the world revealed by a blog which, by all rights, should be dry and boring, like its name, 'Retraction Watch.'" — Fred Barbash in the *Washington Post*.

Registrants will be sent Zoom link two weeks prior to talk.
This is the first talk in a new series of Dental Library Talks!

THESIS DEFENSES

Aug. 3, 1 PM (https://bluejeans.com/151642891): **Hoang Bui Nguyen (CAMB), "Dichotomous Engagement of HDAC3 Catalytic Activity Governs Inflammatory Responses."** Contact Meagan Schofer.

Aug. 4, 1 PM (https://bluejeans.com/310499286): **Anthony Angueira (CAMB), "Transcriptional Control and Development of Energy Burning Fat Cells."** Contact Meagan Schofer.

Aug. 6, 4 PM (https://bluejeans.com/471978051): **Ruth Choa (IGG), "Thymic Stromal Lymphopoietin induces adipose loss through sebum hypersecretion."** Contact Mary Taylor.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Aug. 7, 9 – 11 AM: **MD/PhD Virtual Orientation**. Please reach out to Anna Kline for more information.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Basics of Tableau Public Workshop – August 7

Tableau Public is a free, but limited version of the traditional data visualization tool Tableau. This will be a basic instructional session to get you started in the world of data visualization. You may either download the program to follow along or just sit back and listen. See the flyer here.
Date & Time: Friday, August 7, 11:00am – 12:00pm
Location: Virtual Zoom
REGISTER HERE

NIH OITE Continues Virtual Events

The NIH's Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE) continues to host virtual events for trainees and researchers. Upcoming workshops include:

- Becoming a Resilient Scientist Series: V. Building Mentor Networks | August 12, 2020, 2 – 3:30 PM

Visit the OITE website for a full list of upcoming events.

Virtual Networking Strategies
Thursday, August 13, 4:00 PM ET

Whether you are actively applying for jobs or just thinking about possible future paths, this workshop will give you concrete strategies to navigate virtual networking with confidence. Discuss networking goals, learn about online networking strategies, and then practice your networking skills in breakout sessions.

Co-sponsored by Career Services and the Graduate Student Center
Learn more and register at gsc.upenn.edu/events

Virtual Informational Interviews
Thursday, August 20, 4:00 PM ET

If you've never done an informational interview or would like to brush up on your one-on-one networking skills, this workshop will prepare you to develop your professional network and share best practices for taking advantage of Penn's alumni network to explore careers .

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Learn more and register at gsc.upenn.edu/events

ISCC-PEG Scholars Program

The Inter-Society Coordinating Committee for Practitioner Education in Genomics (ISCC-PEG) is a collaborative group aimed at improving healthcare provider genomics education. The Scholars Program provides exposure to broader genomics community and experts in the field, with opportunities to work on a genetics/genomics-related education projects under the mentorship of an ISCC-PEG member. The appointment is for two years. Each scholar will have their travel funded for the annual ISCC-PEG in-person meeting (typically January or February) for a presentation on their project progress.

See the full post for additional details and requirements. **Questions? Contact ISCCPEGScholars@nih.gov**
Applications are due on September 1, 2020. Selected candidates will be notified by mid-October, 2020.

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship – Applications Now Open!

The AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship application is now open. The deadline to apply is **November 1, 2020**.

AAAS has organized a Live Chat Series to share more information about the Fellowship. Upcoming webinars for this application season include:

- August 20, 1pm ET | [The Perks of Being a Fellow: Networking, Influence and Impact](#)
- September 16, 4pm ET | [A Day in the Life: What's It Like to Be a Fellow?](#)
- October 15, 2pm ET | [Ask a Fellow Anything](#)

Daily Phone "Drop-Ins" with Penn Career Services

In place of walk-ins, Career Services is offering a variety of phone and web appointments, which students can schedule through [Handshake](#). These include the option for same-day, 15-minute appointments with a career adviser. New appointment times open up every day at 9:15 AM ET. To schedule an appointment, sign in to Handshake and click the "Career Center" tab near the top right corner.

Twitter users can also follow [@PennCareerJobs](#), a daily automated feed that highlights new job posts. And be sure you've customized your email settings in Handshake to receive a weekly newsletter featuring jobs and resources tailored to you! Detailed instructions on how to do so are available [here](#).

RESOURCES
[BGS Career Development Site](#)
[BGS Career Twitter](#)
[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)
[Black Women in Computational Biology Network](#)
[Penn Career Services - Ph.D./Postdoc Careers Page](#)
[Handshake](#)
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STUDENT RESOURCES

[Slack for BGS Students](#)
[Roommate Ads – Google Doc](#)
[BGSA Website](#)
[Grad Center at Penn](#)
[Family Center at Penn](#)
[Ask Isaac: Your Personal IS Guru](#)
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For information about upcoming events or to advertise in next week's bulletin, contact [Rebecca Lopez](#).