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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Nominate Graduate & Professional Students for Leadership Awards**

**Deadline: March 1, 2020**

The University gives [two awards to graduating graduate and professional student leaders](#): The President's & Provost's Honor for Developing New Initiatives and the Dr. Andy Binns Award for Outstanding Service to Graduate and Professional Student Life. These awards are only given to students upon their graduation from Penn. [Read more about the criteria and nominate](#) eligible students by March 1.

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**HTRS Student Research Award Applications Now Open**

Applications are now open for the **2020 HTRS Student Research Awards (SRA)**, an 8- to 10-week program for medical, PhD, MD/PhD, or PharmD students working on targeted research projects in hemostasis and thrombosis. Proposed projects may be lab-based, clinical or epidemiologic in design. The program includes a \$5,000 award stipend plus a \$2,000 travel allowance, collaboration with a research mentor, and a presentation at a 2021 professional meeting. Applications are now open. **The application deadline is March 2, 2020.** Up to three fellowships will be awarded. For more details, see the [Request for Applications](#). To apply, please visit <https://htrs.smapply.org>.

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### **ITMAT Education – TL1/T32 Slots Available for Certificate in Regulatory Science Deadline: March 6, 2020**

ITMAT Education's Certificate in Regulatory Science provides PhD students with training to build upon their scientific expertise and prepares them to understand regulatory strategy, the execution of clinical trials, and approaches to translate early discoveries and preclinical investigations into therapeutics. This program is designed for PhD students who wish to pursue regulatory science careers in academia, the pharmaceutical & biotechnology industry, consulting and legal industries, and federal agencies.

The certificate includes a one-year engagement in a regulatory science research project (a new research project or as an additional aim to research currently being conducted) and four courses. TL1 appointees will receive one year of funding including a stipend per NIH policy and tuition funding to cover the cost of the certificate. <http://www.itmat.upenn.edu/CertificateinRegulatoryScience.html>

Contact Rachel McGarrigle, MEd, [rmcg@upenn.edu](mailto:rmcg@upenn.edu) or Andrew Fesnak, MD, MHCI, [fesnak@penncmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:fesnak@penncmedicine.upenn.edu) to learn more.

**Please note – students interested in a certificate program should review 'Policies Governing Participation of BGS Students in Certificate Programs.' Authorization is required through the form, 'Authorization to Participate in a Certificate Program.' [Both forms are available here.](#)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Research Tea with Dr. Nalaka Gooneratne on Leveraging University Resources to Create an Open Education On-Line Resource**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

**3:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Meyerson Conf Room, 2nd Floor, Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center**

Did you know that the University of Pennsylvania has a plethora of powerful, no-cost resources that can allow you to epublish your book, journal or other academic work? In this session, we will discuss

how a team from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics at the Perelman School of Medicine were able to do just that and put together a 550 page book on the topic of Academic Entrepreneurship for Medical and Health Scientists, a first-of-its-kind textbook that seeks to accelerate the development and translation of new scientific discoveries into the world of patient care.

Dr. Gooneratne is Associate Professor of Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. His research expertise crosses a range of specialties and methods including: aging, sleep, complementary/alternative medicine, melatonin, patient-oriented research, translational research, categorical data, clinical trials, multivariate analysis, time series.

To find out more about Dr. Gooneratne's work and to connect with his research and publications, visit his [departmental website](#). Research teas provide an opportunity to learn more about ongoing research on the Penn campus in an informal setting with tea and cookies. We look forward to seeing you there! REGISTER here: <https://libcal.library.upenn.edu/event/6361470>

## THESIS DEFENSES

None this week.

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CAMB**

Feb. 19, 2 – 3 PM (9-104 Smilow): **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler Office Hours**. Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Feb. 21, 4:30 – 6 PM (BRB Lobby): **CAMB PhD Recruiting Reception**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

### **NGG**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- **New!** Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article [A Shocking Discovery](#) by Rebecca Somach. Some scientific experiments are odd, but without this strange experiment neuroscientists would not be very 'hoppy'. Learn about what neuroscience's history owes to frogs and an Italian scientist born in the 18th century.
- Use the new [GFAP form](#) when making purchases and asking for reimbursements.

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

02/19 4:00pm – 5:00pm (Barchi) - MINS Seminar with Quan Yuan

02/20 5:30pm – 6:30pm (Barchi) - NGG Trivia Night  
02/21 5:30pm – 6:30pm (Barchi) - Chalk Talk ft. Lyles Clark

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## **NEW! Alumni Career Path Video – Teaching at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions**

As a reminder, the BGS Career Development Site features a wide variety of resources, from a description of the [Core Competencies](#) developed through predoctoral training to [websites for career exploration](#). Noteworthy among the site's resources is the 'Career Paths' section, which provides a description of the profession, advantages of an advanced degree, key competencies, on-campus student organizations, first steps, alumni videos, and resources.

A new alumni video has been uploaded to the site. [Aaron Steiner](#), Assistant Professor at Pace University, shares insights on teaching at a Primarily Undergraduate University.

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## **Black Women in Computational Biology Network**

### **Are you a Black Woman working or interested (*even remotely*) in Computational Biology?**

Join the **Black Women in Computational Biology Network**--a rapidly growing online networking platform for sharing resources, experiences, and exciting science with a unique community of scientists like you.

Our **global** community is comprised of exciting women of all intersections of identity across all degree and professional levels from an array of backgrounds in **biology, computer science, mathematics, bioengineering, chemistry, physics, medicine**, and much more refining their unique skillset to answer biological questions through a computational and quantitative lens.

Excited and want to learn more? Visit [blackwomen-incompbio.weebly.com](http://blackwomen-incompbio.weebly.com) to join us today, or email Jenea Adams at [jjadams@pennterms.upenn.edu](mailto:jjadams@pennterms.upenn.edu) with any questions you have. See flyer [here](#).

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Feb. 19, 12 - 2 PM (Richards Building, Seminar Room B102B): **Walk-in Wednesday with Penn Career Services!** These 15-minute sessions are great for reviews of your application materials (for academic jobs or industry career options), quick questions about networking, job searching, career exploration, or any other career-related question. See flyer [here](#).

Feb. 21, 12 – 1:30 PM (BRB 252): **PSPDG Science Communication Workshop 5: Social Media.** Are you intimidated by using social media to talk about your science? Or confused by how to use social media in general? Join our speaker Ian McLaughlin (@\_anthropoid), Twitter Scientist, Periscope host, and host of the podcast Wired to be Weird, as he discusses tips and tricks for using social media within the scientific community and with the public. The workshop will focus on getting the most utility out of social media platforms to interact with fellow scientists and the public by making your posts more effective and boosting engagement. Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/SC5Register>. See flyer [here](#).

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

Feb. 24, 3:30 – 5 PM (Smilow 12-146 AB): **The Attractions of a Career in Academic Bench Science.** This event is part of the [BGS Career Development series](#). *Have you mostly heard about ‘alternatives’ to a career at the bench? Does carrying out research, writing grants and manuscripts, and supervising others appear overwhelming? Are there secrets to being an academic scientist while balancing family life and managing well-being? How much fun is life in academia, really?* Hear positive perspectives on academia from **Doctors Faye Mourkioti, Assistant Professor, and Ken Zaret, Professor.** Light refreshments will be served! RSVP: <https://forms.gle/7A5wLUXh8CET15NT9>

## **CALENDAR**

[Career Development](#)

## **RESOURCES**

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

[Penn Career Services - Ph.D./Postdoc Careers Page](#)

[Handshake](#)

[Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences](#)

# **STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SACNAS Outreach Opportunity – Science Education Academy (SEA)**

We'd like to invite everyone to participate/volunteer with Penn SACNAS chapter's next outreach opportunity – another partnership with **Science Education Academy (SEA)**! SEA is a non-profit STEM program whose aim is to support elementary students with hands-on experience with scientific method and inquiry <http://scienceeducationacademy.com/about/>

This spring program is focused on life sciences. SEA occurs every Saturday from **March 14** through **April 18**. We are looking for volunteers to guide elementary students through organized science activities for at least TWO Saturdays, from 9am – 12pm. SACNAS will provide transportation to and from SEA (51st & Spruce). Please note, new SEA volunteers will need to undergo a Pennsylvania criminal background check before beginning of the session.

Special thank you to all of our current volunteers from the winter module. We appreciate all of you and also hope that more of you will get to join us this for this next module!

If you are interested in participating in this exciting partnership, please fill out this google form and SEA coordinators will contact you shortly: <https://forms.gle/txnvHiZQLT8Va5Av5>  
Feel free to email me with any questions: [ueharak@pennterapeutics.com](mailto:ueharak@pennterapeutics.com)  
or email SEA directly: [sea.philly2008@gmail.com](mailto:sea.philly2008@gmail.com)

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### Call for Donations – Recycle Styrofoam Boxes for Cat Shelters!

BGS students have partnered with Project Meow to collect styrofoam boxes, to be recycled as winter shelters for Philadelphia's stray cat population. Project Meow is collecting till late spring. Please contact Sharon ([484\) 437-4501](tel:4844374501) to pick up from you. You will need bring the boxes outside, since she does not have building access. She will be waiting outside in the car.

See flyer [here](#).

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Feb. 22, 8 PM – 12 AM (William Way LGBT Community Center, 1315 Spruce St): **Drag Prom @ Penn**. Lambda Law, Penn Med Pride and Out4Business proudly invite you to our first Drag Prom! A fantastic opportunity to get to know the grad school LGBT community @ Penn and celebrate diversity!

- Four hours of open bar and snacks!
- Drag not mandatory but highly encouraged!
- Amazing prizes for our prom queen...
- Party continues at Voyeur (1221 St James St) after midnight!

Join the FB Event [here](#); Link to ticket sales [HERE](#). Price is \$15 for all grad students. We have **limited space**, so **please register ASAP!**

## FUTURE EVENTS

Feb. 24 & 25, 7 – 10 PM (Philadelphia Distilling, 25 E Allen St): **GAPSA Speed Dating**. Lambda Grads, FGLIQ, and LTBGS are co-sponsoring GAPSA's speed dating event on February 25th at Philadelphia Distilling. Tickets are subsidized so they will cost \$5 if you use the code: GAPSAISFAB1920. See flyer [here](#) and purchase tickets using the [Facebook link](#).

Feb. 28, 5 – 6:30 PM (Grad Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor): **Fourth Friday at Five: Recess!** Take a break and relive your grade school days at the Grad Center's recess themed happy hour! They will have classic Nintendo, playground games, lots of snacks, and more! Part of the Fourth Fridays @ Five series. Learn more & sign up at [gsc.upenn.edu/events](http://gsc.upenn.edu/events).

Mar. 4, 11:45 AM (Houston Hall 236): **BGSA presents, "Mindful Strategies for Stress Reduction Workshop."** Are you stressed with upcoming candidacy exams or grad school? Come and learn about strategies for managing stress while enjoying food from HipCityVeg! See flyer [here](#).

## RESOURCES

[Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences](#)

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Family Center at Penn](#)

[Book Penn Rooms](#)

[The Community Impact Fund](#)

[Penn Today Events](#)

[Ask Isaac: Your Personal IS Guru](#)

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