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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announcing the 2020 Recipients of the Blavatnik Family Fellowship in Biomedical Research**

In 2018, Penn's Biomedical Graduate Studies Program received a \$2 million gift from the Blavatnik Family Foundation to help transform the education and training of the next generation of scientific leaders. Headed by industrialist and philanthropist Len Blavatnik, the Blavatnik Family Foundation has a strong record of supporting talented young scientists at premier institutions around the globe.

The gift established the **Blavatnik Family Fellowship**. This is now the third year in which the Fellowship is competitively awarded to six Penn BGS students. BGS is pleased to announce the 2020 Recipients of the Blavatnik Family Fellowship:

**Bridget Gosis**, (MD-PhD), CAMB G&E student in the lab of Dr. Zoltan Arany.

**David Lee**, (MD-PhD), GCB student in the labs of Drs. Yoseph Barash and Louis Ghanem.

**Phuong Nguyen**, (PhD), NGG student in the lab of Dr. Gou-Li Ming.

**Joseph Park**, (MD-PhD), GCB student in the labs of Drs. Dan Rader and Marylyn Ritchie.

**Tiffany Tsang**, (PhD), CAMB CB student in the lab of Dr. Donita Brady.

**Qin Zhu**, (PhD), GCB student in the labs of Drs. Junhyong Kim and Kai Tan.

Please join us in congratulating them!

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### **HHMI Gilliam Fellowships**

BGS is pleased to announce that three students have been awarded the **2020 Gilliam Fellowships for Advanced Study**, from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI):

**Ryan Daniels**, CAMB DSRB student under the mentorship of Dr. Robert Mauck.

**Ilenna Jones**, NGG student under the mentorship of Dr. Konrad Kording.

**Jessica Schwarz**, NGG student under the mentorship of Dr. Amita Sehgal.

The Gilliam Fellowship program was created in 2004, with the goal of increasing diversity among scientists who are prepared to assume leadership roles in science. The program provides awards to pairs of students and their dissertation advisers who are selected for their scientific leadership and commitment to advance diversity and inclusion in the sciences. Application for the Gilliam Fellowships for Advanced Study is by invitation only.

Please join us in congratulating Ryan, Ilenna, and Jessica on this accomplishment!

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### **Peer Support Network Recruitment**

The Peer Support Network is looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping your peers with stressful and challenging situations, we invite you to join the Peer Support Network.

As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to both mentor individual students one-on-one as well as conduct town hall-style group sessions with the administration, CAPS, and other members of the Peer Support Network. Volunteers will undergo mandatory training by CAPS to help develop the necessary skills.

General volunteer expectations:

- Have a strong willingness to help peers navigate difficult emotional or social situations
- Participate in CAPS training on listening and counseling skills
- Participate in biweekly reflection discussions with fellow volunteers
- Donate 2-3 hours a week to working with Peer Support Network

Sign up to become a volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/7Fr7L4rUK1sB7DG27>

Please email us with any further questions: [bgspeernetwork@gmail.com](mailto:bgspeernetwork@gmail.com)

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## New Video Platform: JRNLclub

JRNLclub is a new video platform allowing scientists to watch videos on new scientific literature. Critical to the success of scientific discovery is the ability for researchers to understand and build upon new discoveries, but with nearly 1 million new biomedical publications annually, this is often a difficult endeavor. By publishing short engaging talks by authors of recent research articles, we facilitate the dissemination of science and help researchers stay up to date on the scientific literature. We have published well over 100 videos from renowned labs around the world (including from the Brian Capell, Virginia Lee, Celeste Simon, Katalin Susztak, and Greg Beatty labs at Penn); and we were recently approved by US National Library of Medicine to put our resource on PubMed such that articles with a corresponding video on JRNLclub will have a direct link to the video.

Website: [www.JRNLclub.org](http://www.JRNLclub.org)

Also note that JRNLclub is actively recruiting video submissions for upcoming publications or those published in the last year. For more information, contact [Victoria.Fang@Penmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:Victoria.Fang@Penmedicine.upenn.edu).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Join the PSOM Student Team for the 2020 Virtual Breakthrough Bike Challenge!

Join the PSOM Student Team for the 2020 Virtual Breakthrough Bike Challenge! 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.**

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### Penn Campus Recreation Virtual Group Workouts

The new *virtual* group workout schedule is going on now through August 30. Register now at [recreation.upenn.edu/sports/2019/9/25/group-exercise.aspx](http://recreation.upenn.edu/sports/2019/9/25/group-exercise.aspx).

## THESIS DEFENSES

July 10, 10 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/711489751>): **Salina Yuan (CAMB), "Epigenetic Reprogramming in Tumor Plasticity."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](mailto:Kathy.O'Connor-Cooley).

# PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NGG**

## **CALENDARS**

[NGG and GLIA](#)

[MINS](#)

[BGSA](#)

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## **Penn Libraries Summer Workshops**

The Penn Libraries is offering a variety of online workshops to help you make the most of Summer 2020. Miss a workshop? Check online for archived [materials and recordings](#).

*Upcoming sessions include:*

[Digital Scholarship Bootcamp](#) | Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10

[Exploring Penn's Special Collections from Home](#) | Tuesday, July 7, 2:00 PM

[Advanced Citation Management with Zotero](#) | Wednesday, July 8, 1:00 PM

[Web Design & CSS](#) | Thursday, July 9, 1:00 PM

For full details, more upcoming sessions, and to register visit the [Penn Libraries website](#).

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## **Pitch Ideas to the Grad Center Blog**

Have tips, skills, or experiences to share with graduate and professional students at Penn? Pitch your ideas to the Grad Center Blog! Grad Center staff will help you develop and write an engaging blog post. This is a great way to gain experience writing for a different audience and share your knowledge!

Submit to the Grad Center Blog

<https://gsc.upenn.edu/blog-submit>

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## **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**.

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### **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. Currently, ISCC-PEG has over 180 members, which includes societies, institutes, individuals and industry members. The committee is supported by the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI).

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](mailto:ISCCPEGScholars@nih.gov)

**Applications are due on September 1, 2020. Selected candidates will be notified by mid-October, 2020.**

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### **Science Corps Fellowship**

Are you a recent or soon-to-be PhD graduate? Would you like to spend up to six months making a difference by developing and teaching science curriculum abroad?

Science Corps offers fully paid internships to upcoming and recent PhD graduates (up to four years after graduation) to help build science capacity at one of our two host locations – a small city on the island of Bohol in the Philippines and a village up in the Indian Himalayas. We are also currently developing new sites in partnership with Pueblo Science.

Fellows travel to partner institutions to develop science curriculum, teach in secondary school classrooms, train teachers, and build community-based research projects. In addition to building science capacity at these host locations, we also aim to offer fellows a life-changing experience. They are given the opportunity to spend time in beautiful locations, immerse themselves in different cultures, and learn from their host educators, all while making positive contributions to these communities.

We are presently interested in recruiting immediately for fellowships starting within the next year.

**The deadline for this application round is July 31st, but we still encourage you to contact us if you would like to be considered for a later appointment.** To find out more about us and apply, please go to <https://science-corps.org>.

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## 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](#)

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

## 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](#).**