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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opt-In Process Reminder for BGS Students

Please be reminded that if you wish to return to campus to conduct research, regardless of where that research takes place, you must [opt-in](#) through the BGS process. More information is available on the BGS [website](#).

Peer Support Network - Opt In Survey

In response to the graduate student research resumption opt-in process developed by BGS, a group of concerned students have developed a new initiative, called the Peer Support Network (PSN). PSN is a student-founded and run volunteer group initiated to provide support and guidance to BGS students during the research resumption process.

PSN has developed the following anonymous survey that we kindly ask all BGS students to take: https://upenn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bxZWb6RIU4DKXRz

This anonymous survey will gauge your level of comfort with the Research Resumption Opt-In process. The results from this survey will

- 1) provide insight into the challenges BGS students face during this troubling time and
- 2) determine the services the Peer Support Network will provide to support BGS students.

This survey should take approximately five minutes to complete.

If you have any further questions and/or are interested in volunteering with PSN, please email us at bgspeernetwork@gmail.com.

Warm wishes,
Peer Support Network

Sharing Roommate Ads

BGS students are welcome to post their roommate ads in the following [Google doc](#).

There is also a channel within the BGS Slack workspace intended for sharing roommate ads. As a reminder, the Slack workspace was created to help facilitate communication among BGS students. There are different channels, or chat groups, on the BGS Slack workspace for various student led ad-hoc discussions about activities, events, and classes. All BGS students are invited to join [here](#).

2020-2021 Nominations for NRSA T32s

Cell and Molecular Biology - June 15 deadline Genetics - June 15 deadline

These training grants are soliciting nominations of graduate students for the 2020-2021 academic year through a BGS-managed web-based system. Learn more here:

<https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/2020-2021-nominations-for-nrsa-t32s.html>

Request for Applications to the NIH Structural Biology and Molecular Biophysics Pre-Doctoral Training Program 2020-2021

The NIH Structural Biology and Molecular Biophysics (SBTG) pre-doctoral training program is seeking applications for appointments beginning 9/1/2020 and running through 8/31/2021. **The application deadline is 12 pm, Friday June 19, 2020.**

The program supports 3rd year Ph.D. students and 4th year for combined degree students for one year. Applications are now being accepted from rising 3rd year Ph.D students or rising 4th year combined degree students only for appointment to the 2020-2021 year of the training program. Learn more [here](#).

ITMAT Education – TL1/T32 Slots Available for Certificate in Regulatory Science

Deadline: June 22

Due to COVID related concerns, deadline extensions will be considered.

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 Bethany Germany, bgermany@upenn.edu or Andrew Fesnak, MD, fesnak@penncmedicine.upenn.edu to learn more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming Together to Share a Story: Finding Strength in Vulnerability

Tuesday, June 23 from 6-7:30PM ET

Experience personal stories from members of the Penn community who display grit and resilience in times of adversity, featuring Dr. Angela Duckworth. If anyone is interested in this event, they will need to email Mariel Featherstone (fmariel@upenn.edu) to RSVP.

THESIS DEFENSES

June 18, 2:30 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/568941480>): **Analise Gruenewald (NGG)**. Contact [Keyana Moody](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

June 19, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Post Rotation Talks**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#) for the BlueJeans link.

NGG

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article [Light at Night May Mess with Your Brain](#) by *Claudia Lopez-Lloreda* on a new study which may help us understand how nighttime light exposure leads to behavior changes.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Thur, June 18, 2:30pm – 3:30pm - Analyse Gruenewald Thesis Defense

Thur, June 18, 5:00pm – 6:00pm - Picking a Thesis Lab Advice Panel

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

DIYtranscriptomics RNAseq Course – Lectures Available Online

Recorded lectures from the DIYtranscriptomics course, led by Dan Beiting, are now available [online](#). This course covers best practices for RNAseq data analysis, with a primary focus on empowering students to be independent in the use of lightweight and open-source software and the R/bioconductor environment.

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**.

On **June 17, 2020, from 1:00-2:00 p.m.**, AAAS will host a chat webinar, “Insider Tips on the Application & Interview Process.” Register [here](#).

STEM Industry Postdoc Online Q&A - Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

Wednesday, June 24th 2020

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EDT

Join Career Services for this informational online Q&A session with **Julie Horowitz, Ph.D.** (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/julie-horowitz-a93ab270/>), a former postdoc and current manager at

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Horowitz will answer questions that you may have about how to identify and apply for postdoc opportunities in industry. She will provide advice on what you can do when you start your search, and answer any questions you have on where and how you can seek out postdoc opportunities in industry. This discussion will be a valuable resource for anyone considering a postdoc once they have finished with their PhD – even if you are still several years from finishing up right now.

Please [register](#) to receive the online video link. If you have questions you would like the moderator to pose to Dr. Horowitz, please send them to Dianne Hull (dhull@upenn.edu) in Career Services.

BGS Improv Workshop (June 29 - August 3)

Interested in improving your communication through improvisation? Sign up for the summer session of the BGS Improv Workshop! The course is planned to run on **Mondays (June 29 - August 3) 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**. Please note that space is limited - the max cap for the course will be **10 students**.

Sign up Link: <https://forms.gle/3GJ1vnjGvMNVJRyP7>

Course Syllabus: <https://wp.me/a7VPdt-Mr>

Please reach out to [Laura Ohl](#) with any questions.

CPRIT TRIUMPH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Cancer Research

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is currently accepting applications for the CPRIT TRIUMPH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Cancer Research. This three-year fellowship provides basic, translational, and clinical training and aims to further develop talented PhD or MD/PhDs into successful clinical/translational research scientists. Applications are reviewed quarterly with the next cycle due dates of **June 30, 2020 and September 30, 2020**.

Additional information regarding eligibility, application process, and current trainees and program alumni profiles are found at www.mdanderson.org/CPRITTRIUMPH. Please contact Dr. Kari Brewer Savannah, Program Manager, with any questions at ksavannah@mdanderson.org.

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](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Family Center at Penn](#)

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

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