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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guidelines for Essential Research and a Brief Survey

Please see the latest update from the Office of the Executive Vice Dean and Chief Scientific Officer [here](#). It contains guidelines for essential research as well as a brief survey to inform preparations for the gradual return to work and campus.

Provost and GAPSA COVID-19 Emergency Funding

Deadline: May 15 at 5:00 PM (ET)

The COVID-19 Emergency Fund, generously provided by the Provost and GAPSA, will support full- and part-time graduate and professional students who have incurred unexpected expenses as a direct result of the COVID-19 disruptions of this semester, including moving expenses, travel, insurance, covering multiple rents, and other urgent needs as appropriate.

Learn more and apply at:
www.gsc.upenn.edu/spring-2020

Saul Winegrad Award for Outstanding Dissertation

BGS is proud to announce the 2020 recipients of the Saul Winegrad Award for an Outstanding Dissertation: Hejia Wang, Rui Duan, Valeria Reyes Ruiz, Steven Zhao, Zilu Zhou, Samir Devalaraja, Yunshu Fan, and Dylan Marchione.

The award recognizes the outstanding quality of their dissertations and their significant contributions to biomedical science. Read more [here](#).

BGSA Virtual Elections – Nominations Open Today!

BGSA Executive Board Position Nominations Open Monday May 11th. [Click here](#) to nominate yourself or someone else for our open positions!

Don't know which position you want to run for? Use our virtual election guide or hear directly about positions from our current EB [here](#). Please email bgsa.chair@gmail.com with questions and concerns.

CAPS Counselor for BGS Students

Tiffany Brown, PhD, psychologist at CAPS, remains available to meet with BGS students virtually.

Dr. Brown's services are confidential. She will work with BGS students to provide initial consultation, support, brief counseling, and referral services. In order to set up an appointment with Dr. Brown, you may call CAPS at 215-898-7021 or email her directly at nicobr@upenn.edu.

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>

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@pennmedicine.upenn.edu to learn more.

Penn Contact Tracing Team

As Philadelphia and the nation begin to lift restrictions on Stay at Home orders, methods for controlling further spread of COVID-19 will be increasingly important. The Penn Medicine Center for Health Care Innovation, Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics, and the Center for Public Health Initiatives are working with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) to strengthen local contact tracing capacity by combining traditional human outreach with digital strategies.

At the behest of health system leadership, Drs. Kevin Volpp and Carolyn Cannuscio are pulling together a team to coordinate these efforts at Penn. See the full announcement [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

None this week.

THESIS DEFENSES

May 12, 1-2 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/561737087>): Harrison McAdams (NGG).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

May 12, **CPM PhD Prelim Exams**

May 13-15, **CB PhD Prelim Exams**

May 14, 2-4 PM: **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler's Virtual Office Hours**. Sign up [here](#) for a virtual meeting. Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

CAMB Preliminary Exams (PhD and CD)

Preliminary exams for the PhD programs begin in May. Combined degree exams will take place in June. To see the complete schedule of exams, click [here](#).

NGG

ANNOUNCEMENT

New! Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article [A Sense of Attraction](#) by *Rebecca Somach*. What do a refrigerator and a sea turtle have in common? Surprisingly, magnets!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tue, 05/12 1:00-2:00pm - Harrison McAdams Thesis Defense
(<https://bluejeans.com/561737087>)

Daily 'Meet an NGG alum' sessions this week (<https://upenn.bluejeans.com/2277199130>)

Mon, 05/11 12:00-12:30 pm - Katie Kopil

Tue, 05/12 12:00-12:30 pm - Kamesh Krishnamurthy

Wed, 05/13 12:00-12:30 pm - Mike Higley

Thur, 05/14 12:00-12:30 pm - Erin Coffey

Fri, 05/15 8:30-9:00 am - Michelle Price McKern

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Penn Libraries Citation Management Workshops

Wrapping up a research paper, thesis, or dissertation? Penn Libraries is offering a final round of online workshops for citation management. [Register here](#).

Weds 5/13: Zotero

Thurs 5/14: Mendeleev

Fri 5/15: Advanced Tools & Techniques

Upcoming NIH OITE Webinars

Industry Careers in Maryland

May 12, 2020 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Speaker, Mr. Brad Fackler, NIH OITE Industry Advisor

We will discuss the landscape of the biotech industry in Maryland with a focus on what companies are located here, how do you find them, and how do you position yourself for a job in these companies.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2779431661369457679>

Sharpening Your Mentoring Skills

May 13, 2020 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Speaker, Dr. Sharon Milgram, Director NIH OITE

Though mentoring can be a very rewarding experience, it also has its challenges. This workshop will provide you with insights into ways to enhance students learning and to help you set your student up for success. We will discuss setting expectations providing feedback, setting boundaries and assessing student learning. We will also talk about psychosocial issues that impact student learning and provide you will tools to assist students in dealing with their imposter fears and other barriers to success.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5436328942107035152>

Workplace Dynamics I and II: Gaining Self-awareness and Communication Skills

May 15, 2020 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Speaker, Dr. Lori Conlan, Director OITE Postdoc Office and Career Services Center

We will explore themes of self-awareness and self-management and will discuss preferences, work, and communication styles that influence interactions you encounter in any research group or workgroup.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/894485001787568400>

Webinar Series for the NIGMS Training Community

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences has announced a new webinar series for students, postdocs, and faculty. Each hour-long webinar will include a 10- to 15-minute presentation by the speaker followed by a moderated question and answer session. Upcoming sessions include:

Infectious Disease Modeling Research and the MIDAS Network

Monday, May 11, 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET

Virtual Teaching and Learning

Tuesday, May 12, 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET

Computational Biology and Biomedical Data Science

Wednesday, May 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

Cryo-EM: Present and Future

Thursday, May 14, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET

See the full schedule and webinar login information [here](#).

Preparing for your First-Year as a Faculty Member (Online Q&A)

Thursday, May 21st, 2020, 1:00pm-2:00pm

This virtual program is intended to help those beginning their new faculty position and to better understand ways to succeed in their first year on the job. Current faculty members will address aspects of starting a new faculty position that they feel are most important, such as how to stay engaged in research, handle the time demands related to teaching, and navigate the different types of “service” that come with joining a new department and institution. *Please register for this online event, and we will send you the online video link.* The panel session will be interactive with questions. If you have questions to ask the faculty panelists, please email them to Marianne Lipa (mlipa@upenn.edu) in Career Services.

The panelists will be:

- Dr. Yun Ding, Assistant Professor of Biology, University of Pennsylvania
- Dr. Anna Schapiro, Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Pennsylvania
- Dr. Xi Song, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

To register, click here: <https://upenn.joinhandshake.com/events/431743>

Illustrator Training with Penn Biomed Library

Tue, May 26, 2020, 12:00 PM EDT

Do you have data you want to share with the world, but get stuck whenever you leave PowerPoint? Want to create better figures for posters and publications? On May 26, Lexi Voss, Visualizationist for the Penn Biomedical Library, will walk you through the basics of Adobe Illustrator and get you on the path to professional diagrams and figures. [Registration](#) is required to receive workshop materials. Hope to see you then!

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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