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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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](http://www.gsc.upenn.edu/spring-2020)

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**BGSA Virtual Elections**

BGSA will be having virtual elections for the academic year 2020-2021 executive board starting with nominations on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Attached is the election guideline information including all the positions up for election, names and emails of current students in each position and details for how the election will be run.

**The current BGSA executive board will hold a virtual open forum meeting via Bluejeans: <https://bluejeans.com/7690183899> on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for all BGS students interested in learning more prior to the start of the nomination period.**

I urge you all to think about getting involved with BGSA as we work closely with GAPSA and University administration. It's more important now than ever to be a voice ensuring BGS student needs. Please email [bgsa.chair@gmail.com](mailto:bgsa.chair@gmail.com) with further questions/concerns. Stay safe and well.

Best Wishes,

The BGSA Executive Board

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### **2020-2021 Nominations for NRSA T32s**

**Computational Genomics - May 8 deadline**  
**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>

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### **Springer – Free Machine Learning and Data books**

Springer has released hundreds of books for free as PDF downloads, 65 of which are relevant to the data and Machine Learning field. See the list [here](#).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

None this week.

## **THESIS DEFENSES**

May 4, 10 AM (Meeting URL: <https://bluejeans.com/6300316287>): **Ziyang Xu (PGG)**,  
“**Immunotherapeutics and Nanoparticle Vaccines for Enhanced Immunity-mediated Protection.**”  
Contact [Sarah Squire](#).

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CAMB**

May 4, 5 – 7 PM: **MVP Prelim Practice**. Contact [Anna Kline](#) for the BlueJeans Meeting URL.

May 5, 4 – 6 PM: **GTV Program Meeting**. Contact [Anna Kline](#) for the BlueJeans Meeting URL.

May 5, 5 – 7 PM: **MVP Prelim Practice**. Contact [Anna Kline](#) for the BlueJeans Meeting URL.

May 7, 12 – 1 PM: **GTV Trainee Seminar: Chris Choe (Musunuru lab) and Sylvia Stankov (Rader lab) presenting**. Contact [Anna Kline](#) for the BlueJeans Meeting URL.

May 7, 5 – 7 PM: **MVP Prelim Practice**. Contact [Anna Kline](#) for the BlueJeans Meeting URL.

May 8, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress: Emily Flam (Arany lab) and Danielle Murashige (Arany lab) presenting**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#) for the BlueJeans Meeting URL.

### **NGG**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- **New!** Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article [Translating faces into emotion](#) by *Claudia Lopez-Lloreda*. Scientists deciphered what mice were feeling by looking at their faces.

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Daily 'Meet an NGG alum' sessions this week

**Mon, 05/04 8:30-9:00 am** - Matt Kayser

**Tue, 05/05 8:30-9:00 am** - Laura Grafe

**Wed, 05/06 12:00-12:30 pm** - Lindsey Vass

**Thur, 05/07 8:30-9:00 am** - Geoff Aguirre

**Fri, 05/08 12:00-12:30 pm** - Chriss Palmer

Here's the link: <https://upenn.bluejeans.com/2277199130>

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

**Upcoming Webinars with NIH Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE)**

### **Informational Interviews: What? How? Why?**

MONDAY May 4, 3:00 – 4:00 pm EDT

Speaker, Amanda Langer, NCC, OITE Career Counselor

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2973887989168105739>

While focusing on networking generally, this workshop will specifically outline steps you can take to begin conducting informational interviews now. These networking conversations can be an effective research tool and often help give you the most current and specific information about a field. Come learn tips on how to get the most out of your informational interviews!

### **Managing Up to Maximize Mentoring Relationships**

WEDNESDAY May 6, 2:00 – 4:00

Speaker, Sharon Milgram, Director NIH OITE

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5846474266919261195>

This workshop will explore the relationship between trainees and research mentors/supervisors with the goal of providing strategies for improving communication and interpersonal interactions. The workshop will help participants clarify what they need from their supervisors and mentors and how to ensure that they get what they need.

### **NIH Career Symposium**

FRIDAY May 8, noon – 5 pm

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual NIH OITE Career Symposium is still happening, albeit on-line. There will be panels, taped interviews, and Twitter chats focused on a variety of career paths in all sectors. For more information and to register:

[https://www.training.nih.gov/events/view/2/2823/13th Annual NIH Career Symposium](https://www.training.nih.gov/events/view/2/2823/13th%20Annual%20NIH%20Career%20Symposium)

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### **New 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:

#### **Entrepreneurship and Careers in the Biotechnology Industry**

Monday, May 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

#### **Moving Away from the Scientific Pack in Your Research**

Tuesday, May 5, 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

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

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### **Penn Career Services - STEM Industry Postdoc Online Q&A**

Wednesday, May 6th 2020, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EDT

<https://upenn.joinhandshake.com/events/486193>

Join Career Services for this informational online Q&A session with **Ryan Staupe, Ph.D.** (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/ryanstaupe/>), **IGG alum and current postdoctoral fellow at Merck.**

Dr. Staupe will answer questions that you may have about how to identify and apply for postdoc opportunities in industry. He 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](#) for this online event to receive the online video link. If you have questions you would like the moderator to pose to Dr. Staupe, please send them to Dianne Hull ([dhull@upenn.edu](mailto:dhull@upenn.edu)) in Career Services.

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### **CVI Core Workshop Series**

In lieu of the CVI Seminar Series this Spring, the Penn Cardiovascular Institute will host a Core Workshop Series. This will be a 3 part series in which the Metabolomics Core, iPSC Core, and Mouse Cardiac Phenotyping Core will each present to you their core offerings and examples of how they can provide service to you. The schedule and BlueJeans information is below. **All seminars will be during the lunch hour, beginning at noon.** Upcoming seminars include:

#### **Tuesday, May 5, Mouse Cardiac Phenotyping Core: Swapnil Shewale and Kendra McDaid**

Meeting URL

<https://bluejeans.com/400407949>

Meeting ID

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### **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!

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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](#)

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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](#)

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

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**For information about upcoming events or to advertise in next week's bulletin, contact [Rebecca Lopez](#).**