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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Research Resumption

The BGS website has been updated to outline and clarify the steps that a student must take in order to conduct research on campus in Fall 2020:

<https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/bgs-covid-19-information-and-resources.html?preview=true>

Glick and Nusbaum Award Nominations due Nov. 13

Nomination forms for the Jane Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award and Michael Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award are due to the nominees' primary graduate group by **Friday, November 13, 2020**. The graduate group contacts are on page 2 of the nomination forms.

The nomination forms are available here:

- [Jane Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award](#)
- [Michael Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award](#)

The lists of previous awardees are available here:

- [Jane Glick Graduate Student Teaching Award](#)
 - [Michael Nusbaum Graduate Student Mentoring Award](#)
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Penn Medicine VotER Initiative | PA Voter Registration Deadline is today!

Those who are eligible can visit <http://vot-er.org/penn>, text VOTE PENN to 34444, or scan the [QR code](#) to register to vote and/or request a mail-in ballot. Each option takes just a few minutes. **The last day to register to vote in Pennsylvania is today, October 19, 2020.**

Voting is Open for BGSA Executive Board Nominees until 10/26/2020!

Vote for BGSA Executive board nominees for the 2020-2021 academic year. Want to learn more about the nominees? [Do that here!](#) Then [Vote here!](#)

COVID SAFE: Open for Enrollment

Please see the following announcement from Dr. Jon Epstein regarding enrollment for surveillance testing through COVID SAFE: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/evdcommunications/covid-safe-open-for-enrollment.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact the [COVID SAFE](#) team.

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.

Project Meow Accepting Donations

Project Meow builds winter shelters for the stray cats of West Philadelphia. More than 500 shelters were constructed last season! They are once again accepting donations of large styrofoam boxes (Illumina boxes are ideal). See flyer [here](#); contact [Anne Froehling](#) (215)-485-6121 to arrange pick up outside the building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IRM Symposium on Nov. 4 | Abstract deadline Oct. 21, 5PM

[REGISTER NOW](#) *For our cross-cutting exploration of early human development*

On November 4, 2020, the Institute for Regenerative Medicine (IRM) will be hosting a special symposium focused on the science and ethics of early human developmental biology. This symposium will feature world leaders in embryo lineage & patterning, synthetic embryology, uterine transplantation, and bioethics discussing how advances in stem cell science are challenging our understanding of the first days of life and testing ethical guidelines from an earlier era of research.

We are still accepting poster and lightning talk abstract submissions! If you are interested in being part of this special event, please review [poster and talk information](#) on our website, then indicate your interest during registration.

Questions? Contact Chris Yarosh (yaroshc@pennmedicine.upenn.edu)

Global Health and Social Justice Discussion with the Founders of Partners in Health

Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 7 p.m. ET

In this session you'll meet **Dr. Jim Yong Kim, Ophelia Dahl and Dr. Paul Farmer, the founders of Partners in Health**, a nonprofit social justice organization with deep experience in treating infectious disease outbreaks globally, including COVID-19. Partners in Health is the subject of the best-selling book *Mountains Beyond Mountains* and the **award-winning documentary [Bending the Arc](#) from executive producers Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, and Damon & Heidi Lindelof**. The event will be moderated by Tabitha Jackson, director of The Sundance Film Festival.

[Register now](#) for the panel and watch [Bending the Arc](#) ahead of the event - access the film [here](#).

Movie Screening | "Picture A Scientist"

Wednesday Oct. 28th 5PM – Friday Oct. 30th 5PM

BGSA, PGWISE, and CAMB have organized a screening of "Picture A Scientist":

Please register to get code for online screening: penn-bgsa.ticketleap.com/picture-a-scientist-online-movie-screening/

The movie can be viewed multiple times on Vimeo between **Wednesday Oct. 28th 5PM – Friday Oct. 30th 5PM.**

Movie Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/405966332>

Virtual discussion of the movie will happen during first week of November, more information to come.

THESIS DEFENSES

Oct. 21, 10 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/542347840>): **Jacob Paiano (IGG), “Genome integrity and cell division: next-gen answers to enduring questions.”** Contact [Thalia Mangan](#).

Oct. 23, 3 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/217675308>): **Jesse Rodriguez (CAMB), “CAR T cells Re-Directed to Cytomegalovirus as a Novel Platform for Glioblastoma Cancer Immunotherapy.”** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Oct. 20, 3 - 4 PM: **DSRB 3rd Year Meeting.** Contact [Meagan](#) for the virtual link.

Oct. 22, 12 – 1 PM: **GTV Trainee Seminar: McKensie Collins (Melenhorst/June labs), Ryan Roark (Shaw lab), and Bryan Simpson (Davidson lab) presenting.** Contact [Anna](#) for the virtual link.

Oct. 22, 12 – 1 PM: **CAMB Vice Chair Craig Bassing's Virtual Office Hours.** Sign Up [here](#) for a virtual meeting. Contact [Craig Bassing](#).

Oct. 23, 12 – 1 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Zeenat Diwan (Siekman lab), Derek Liberti (Morrisey lab), and Isabel Sierra (Anguera lab) presenting.** Contact [Meagan](#) for the virtual link.

Oct. 23, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress: Lisa Cucolo (Minn lab) and Emily Flam (Arany lab) presenting.** Contact [Kathy](#) for the virtual link.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Events this Week

- Oct. 20, 12-5 PM: **Penn Career Services STEM Career Fair.** There will be 1:1 meetings as well as group sessions with employers. After you [register](#) for the fair, you must sign up for these individual sessions (see the "Available sessions" tab). The virtual fair will take place via Handshake – review [this page](#) to learn how to set up and/or update your Handshake account so that you may participate.
- Oct. 23, 1-2 PM: **Graduate Center Presents, "Non-Faculty Academic Careers Panel."** This career panel will explore non-faculty career opportunities in higher education. Panelists will describe their career journeys both inside and outside of higher education and the role that their PhD played. The session will include a Q&A where graduate students can ask questions of the panelists. For more details and to register, go to: gsc.upenn.edu/events

Future Events

- Oct. 27 & 30, 3:30 – 4:30 PM: **Graduate Center Presents, "Public Speaking for Academics."** *Want to become an impactful speaker? Unsure about how to do that next virtual presentation?* Maximize your potential as an orator and learn to love giving talks. Content will be relevant to both beginners and more experienced speakers. Register at gsc.upenn.edu/events
 - Presentation Basics**
Tuesday, October 27, 3:30-4:30 PM ET
 - Presentation Delivery**
Friday, October 30, 3:30-4:30 PM ET
- Oct. 29, 3-4 PM: **Graduate Center Presents, "Online Academic Profiles."** Learn about different academic profiles and associated networks, and how to use them to track & promote your work. We will discuss academic profiles in the following platforms: ORCID, Google Scholar, Web of Science, Scopus, Dimensions, ResearchGate, Academia.edu, Humanities Commons, Media Commons, and PhilPapers. Register at gsc.upenn.edu/events

NEW Call for applications: Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship | November 29 Deadline

Penn is permitted to forward three nominees for the 2021-22 Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund fellowship, which pays full tuition plus a stipend of \$18,000 for up to three years. U.S. citizens pursuing a graduate degree in 2021-22 in any recognized field of study in the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences (including law, medicine, engineering, architecture or other formal

professional training) are eligible. The selection committee has a strong preference for supporting scholarly endeavors.

An internal selection process will be coordinated by the **Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowships**. For the purposes of the internal competition, students should complete the application and submit the requested supporting documentation by **November 29, 2020**.

This internal Penn application requires 1 letter of recommendation from a professor (not a postdoc or lecturer) who has taught or worked closely with you. You will request this through the application process, but please alert your preferred recommender as soon as possible so as to give your recommender ample time to submit letters of recommendation before the Penn Deadline. See the [full announcement](#) for additional application requirements.

Genentech Postdoc Program **Applications due October 19, 2020**

Applications are now open for the [Genentech Postdoc Program](#)! This is an exciting opportunity that enables students to apply for a postdoc position in any Genentech mentor's lab regardless of whether they have a current opening posted. Click [here](#) for more information and application requirements.

ITMAT Request for Applications **Applications due October 23, 2020**

ITMAT is pleased to announce a request for applications for its education programs in clinical and translational science. With continued support from the NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), we offer funded educational opportunities for:

- Predoctoral Students (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, Biomedical Sciences)
- Postdoctoral Trainees (GME Residents, Fellows, Postdoctoral PhDs)
- Junior Faculty (Instructor, Research Associate, Assistant Professor)

[A detailed overview of ITMAT's Education Funding Opportunities including how to apply is available on our website.](#)

Interested applicants are encouraged to [contact us](#).

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.](#)

Regeneron Postdoctoral Training Program **Applications due December 1, 2020**

The application period for the Regeneron Postdoctoral Training Program has begun. Learn more [here](#), see flyer [here](#).

Job Openings

- **NEW - Laboratory Research Scientist - Enzymetrics Bioscience** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Entry level medical editor role at imre Health** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Regeneron & Genentech Postdoctoral Opportunities** - See full announcement [here](#).
- **BS/MS level Position at Bluebird Bio** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Postdoc Position – UCSF** – See full announcement [here](#).

Request to join the [BGS Alumni and Current Students LinkedIn](#) to stay updated on job opportunities.

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

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MEAM Senior Design Outreach

A Senior Design Team in the School of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics) is interested in interviewing BGS students over Zoom to ask a couple of questions about preparing solutions before they are mixed. They are looking into possibly automating part of the process and would like to ask some questions to help guide their design. If you are interested, please contact alrobes@seas.upenn.edu.

Events this Week

- Oct. 22, 5 PM (<https://penmedicine.zoom.us/j/92299902970>): **LTBGS+ Queer in STEMinar.** LTBGS+ is hosting a seminar series called Queer in STEMinar that highlights faculty members in BGS that are members of the LGBTQA+ community. The seminars will focus on what the road to academia has looked like for them as a member of the community, and how we can continue to support, uplift, and advocate for each other as queer scientists.
- Oct. 23, 5 PM: **BGSA Drink&Draw Workshop.** BGSA is hosting virtual Airbnb event "Drink&Draw". Get FREE tickets [here](#) (only 4 remaining!). For more information check out: <https://abnb.me/tdo40YUIY9>.
- Oct. 23, 5 PM: **Grad Center Fourth Fridays at Five: Virtual Mystery Party.** This month's Fourth Friday @ Five will get you into the spirit of this spooky season with a Virtual Mystery Party! Sign up today to join other graduate and professional students for an evening of solving clues, uncovering secrets, and reveling in a good mystery. Learn more and register at gsc.upenn.edu/events.

Future Events

- Oct. 26, 7-9 PM: **BGSA - Pot It Like It's Hot.** BGSA and SP2 are organizing a DIY succulent planting event! They will be scheduling socially distanced pickups of DIY succulent planting kits from campus and host a Zoom session to put together the kits all together. See flyer [here](#); sign up [here](#).
- Oct. 26 & 27: **PSPDG Climate Action Symposium.** Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group is proud to present Penn Climate Action Symposium, an event designed to foster community engagement with issues of climate change through global and local routes. The event features World Climate Simulation during which you will first-hand experience high stakes climate agreement negotiations as you take on the role of a diplomat at the UN. The simulation will be followed by the keynote speech from Dr. Pellow and panels with local activists on environmental justice and community-based action. Read more [here](#). Register for the Symposium [here](#). Email any questions to penn.science.policy@gmail.com

[Peer Support Network \(PSN\)](#)

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

[Roommate Ads – Google Doc](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

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