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**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Health and Safety on Campus - Fall Semester**

**Penn Policies.** Please be sure to read the University's current statement on health and safety, and please refer to the resources for research resumption for the fall. In particular, please note that if you intend to come to campus for any reason, you must do the EHRS training in KnowledgeLink: To find the course in Knowledge Link, search "Penn Guide to Returning to Campus Training- EHRS" in the Find Learning search box on your My Learning screen, or use this direct link: Penn Guide to Returning to Campus. In addition, you must participate in PennOpen Pass.

**Penn Medicine Masks Now Available.** Perelman School of Medicine-branded masks are now available for students who are coming to campus. You may pick up your mask at the Security Office, 109 Stellar-Chance, between 10am-2pm Monday-Friday. The Security Office has a list of student names. You will need to show your PennCard.
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](https://www.med.upenn.edu/evdcommunications/covid-safe-open-for-enrollment.html).

If you have any questions, please contact the COVID SAFE team.

BGSA Fall Virtual Elections Extended Until Oct. 7

BGSA is having Fall virtual elections for the academic year 2020-2021 executive board and student group representatives. This document includes all the positions up for election, names and emails of current students in each position and details for how the election will be run.

Please be advised that every graduate group needs a student group representative in order to access their discretionary funds.

BGSA Executive Board Position Nominations are extended until Wednesday Oct 7th at 8:00pm due to problem with form. Use updated form to nominate yourself or someone else for our open positions! Email bgsa.chair@gmail.com with questions and concerns.

Philadelphia STEM Equity Collective - STEM Education Directory

The Philadelphia STEM Equity Collective is working on a searchable app for K-12 students and their parents/guardians to find STEM OST opportunities in the city, and for teachers/educators to find STEM Professional Development opportunities. They are still in the “data collecting” phase. If you have an outreach initiative you’d like to add to either of these databases, please register below.

- STEM Programs Directory: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PhiladelphiaSTEMProgramDirectory](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PhiladelphiaSTEMProgramDirectory)
- Professional Development Opportunities: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PhillySTEMPD](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PhillySTEMPD)

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.
Penn Medicine VotER Initiative

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 October 19, 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BGS Peer Support Network – Group Discussion Session

BGS Peer Support Network is excited to announce our first group discussion session: Professional Well-Being Through the COVID-19 Pandemic. The (virtual) session will take place on Thursday, October 8th from 5 to 6:15 PM, and will be oriented toward graduate student experiences. PSN intends to foster connection and community among BGS grad students as we discuss challenges and adjustments to our research and professional ambitions in the context of the pandemic. Come ready to both listen to your peers and engage in conversation about the past, present, and future of our work.

BlueJeans link to session: https://bluejeans.com/5106783993

REGISTRATION OPEN - 15th Annual ITMAT International Symposium

Dr. Garret FitzGerald and the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics at the University of Pennsylvania cordially invite you to the 15th Annual ITMAT International Symposium, which will take place as a free virtual event on Mon. Oct. 12 and Tues. Oct. 13, 2020. The symposium program is attached; this year’s theme is Novel Therapeutics and Democratization of Access: Implementation of Translational Science.

Register here (registration is required): https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/register/zxtzbeaj. For inquiries please contact Genevieve D. Markle.

“Celebrando nuestra Latinidad”: Fostering Latinx Inclusion in STEM
October 15, 2020, 6:30PM-7:30PM EST

The IGG Diversity Committee is proud to invite the BGS community to a virtual panel of Latinx scientists in celebration of Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month. This panel includes BGS students and postdoctoral fellows, as well as Dr. Arnaldo Díaz and Dr. Kellie Jurado, Penn faculty recently highlighted by Cell Mentor in their recent “100 inspiring Hispanic/Latinx scientists in America” article.
In addition, we’ll have the chance to hear from Dr. Paule Joseph, Penn Nursing alumna and current Director of the Sensory Science and Metabolism Unit at the NIH.

Please use this link (https://forms.gle/CfaY9uicU9NMc5Xz9) to register for this exciting event.

**THESIS DEFENSES**

Oct. 6, 10 AM (https://bluejeans.com/433912730): Grant Eilers (CAMB), “Structural and Biochemical Studies of HIV-1 Integration and Inhibition.” Contact Anna Kline.


**PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CAMB**

Oct. 9, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: CPM Research in Progress: Julie Heffler (Prosser lab) and Alex Salomon (Prosser lab) presenting. Contact Kathy O’Connor-Cooley for the virtual link.

**IGG**

Oct. 9, 9 AM – 6 PM: 33rd Annual Immunology Graduate Group Retreat. Visit the 2020 retreat page for more information!

**NGG**

**CALENDARS**

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**CAREER DEVELOPMENT**
Events this Week

- None this week

Future Events

- Oct. 12 – 13: **15th Annual ITMAT International Symposium.** Dr. Garret FitzGerald and the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics at the University of Pennsylvania cordially invite you to attend this free virtual event. The symposium program is attached; this year’s theme is Novel Therapeutics and Democratization of Access: Implementation of Translational Science. [Register here](#); for inquiries please contact Genevieve D. Markle.

- Oct. 13 – 14: **AAAS’ 45th Annual Science and Technology Policy Forum.** This is a free, virtual event for those interested in policy to come together to discuss current challenges at the intersection of science, policy and society. [Register here](#).

- Oct. 14, 1 PM: **NIGMS Early Career Investigator Lecture,** featuring Michael D. L. Johnson, “Microbes, Metals, Music, and Lessons in Disproving Your Hypothesis.” The goal of this series is to expose students to energetic investigators working on the cutting edge of science. For more information and to register, please see [here](#). For questions, please contact Jyoti Singh at [jyoti.singh@nih.gov](mailto:jyoti.singh@nih.gov).

- Oct. 15, 2 PM ET: **AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship Q&A, “Ask a Fellow Anything.”** AAAS has organized this live chat to share information about their Science & Technology Fellowship. [Register here](#). Please note – applications for the fellowship are open! The deadline to apply is November 1, 2020.

- Oct. 20, 12-5 PM: **Penn Career Services STEM Career Fair.** Save the date! Student and Postdoc Registration begins at 6PM EST on [Wednesday 14th October](#). 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.

Career Development Resources

The [BGS Career Development site](#) contains a number of valuable resources, including description of various career paths (many with accompanying alumni videos), a career blog, and a calendar of upcoming events.

Check out one of the latest blog posts, “Career Development Resources,” which contains helpful instructions for subscribing to Career Services newsletters, obtaining a free MATLAB license from the university, and more.
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.


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 Postdoc Position – UCSF – See full announcement here.
- Sr. Research Investigator / Principal Investigator, Pharmacology – Incyte – See full announcement here.
- Postdoctoral Training Fellow - The Francis Crick Institute - See full announcement here.
- Postdoctoral Research Positions in the Dreyfuss Lab – 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**

**Events this Week**

- Oct. 6, 5 PM ([https://bluejeans.com/3436736329](https://bluejeans.com/3436736329)): **BGSA General Assembly Meeting.** We will discuss budget, elections, and upcoming virtual events. Please join us for the meeting and our first monthly movie screening!

- Oct. 7, 3 PM (Zoom): **SACNAS Women in Science Seminar Series: Kellie Ann Jurado, PhD.** See flyer with Zoom meeting details [here](#).

- Oct. 10 & 17, 9:30 AM: **SACNAS Outreach Opportunity.** SACNAS is excited to announce the first outreach opportunity this semester – [Science Education Academy (SEA)](#)! SEA is a non-profit STEM program whose aim is to support elementary students with hands-on experience with scientific method and inquiry. SEA will continue to provide quality and engaging programming to students during the COVID-19 pandemic through a virtual platform on Saturday mornings. They are looking for volunteers to guide students through “Do-it-yourself” science activities and/or give a short science pop talk about their research. If you are interested in participating, register [here](#).

**Future Events**

- 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 roots. Come together with students from University City and members of the greater Philadelphia community to participate in this event featuring World Climate Simulation, a UN-style simulation of climate agreement negotiations, as well as talks and panels on environmental justice and community-based activism.

  Read more [here](#). Register for the Symposium [here](#). Email any questions to [penn.science.policy@gmail.com](mailto:penn.science.policy@gmail.com)
For information about upcoming events or to advertise in next week’s bulletin, contact Rebecca Lopez.