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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Fall 2020 Technology Grants**

**Deadline: September 18 at 12 noon**

Applications are now open for Fall 2020 Technology Grants! The Office of the Provost and GAPSA are funding these grants to support new technology expenses that are required to make academic progress during the Fall 2020 semester. Graduate and professional students who demonstrate financial need [may apply for grants](#) (up to \$500) related to new technology needs required to remotely conduct research, take courses, or teach courses during the Fall 2020 semester.

### **Grants for Penn Dental Insurance and Family/Dependent Health Insurance**

We wanted to let you know about two grants the University is offering to help offset insurance costs:

**Dental Insurance:** The Office of the University Provost will reimburse you for 50% of the cost of dental insurance if you sign up [by September 18, 2020](#). You are responsible for the full cost of

purchasing the insurance and may incur late fees if these are not paid on time. The reimbursement (\$215) will be issued by early November. More information is available at <https://gsc.upenn.edu/resources/graduate-funding-and-finances/insurance-subsidies-and-grants#dental>; please contact [gradcenter@upenn.edu](mailto:gradcenter@upenn.edu) with any questions.

**Family/Dependent Insurance:** Between August 10 and September 18, 2020, you will be able to apply for grants to help offset the cost of family or dependent insurance. The grants are offered by the Office of the University Provost and administered through the Family Resource Center. More information is available at <https://familycenter.upenn.edu/grants>; contact Jessica Bolker ([jessal@upenn.edu](mailto:jessal@upenn.edu)) with any questions.

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### **Glick and Nusbaum Faculty Awards - Nominations due November 13**

Attached below are the nomination forms for the Glick and Nusbaum awards. The nomination forms are due to the nominees' primary graduate group by **November 13, 2020**. The graduate group contacts are on page 2 of the form.

See more information about the awards and a list of past recipients [here](#) (under the 'Faculty Awards' tab.)

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

Please contact [Rebecca Lopez](#) with any questions.

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### **Announcing Penn Genetics Awards of Excellence**

#### **2020 Kaushal Family Awards in Genetics**

There will be a special award ceremony with virtual presentations by all three recipients this fall, date TDB.

- Jennifer Luppino - Joyce Lab - Predoctoral Award Recipient  
*["Cohesin promotes stochastic domain intermingling to ensure proper regulation of boundary-proximal genes"](#)*
- Eduardo Torre - Raj Lab - Predoctoral Award Recipient  
*["Genetic screening for single-cell variability modulators driving therapy resistance"](#)*
- Qi Qiu - Wu Lab - Postdoctoral Award Recipient  
*["Massively parallel and time-resolved RNA sequencing in single cells with scNT-Seq"](#)*

#### **2020 Kadesch Prize in Genetics**

The Kadesch prize will be presented to Marco Carpenter, Pharmacology PhD student in the lab of Dr. Elizabeth Heller, at a special session of the Genetics Friday Research Talks this winter (date TBD).

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### **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](mailto:nicobr@upenn.edu).

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### **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**

### **PBG Fall 2020 Kickoff**

Interested in gaining real-life consulting experience? Want to learn more about consulting and the healthcare industry? Join us for our Fall 2020 PBG kickoff!

**When:** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-8PM

**Where:** via zoom

Please [register](#) for the event here to receive a zoom link.

Join Penn Biotech Group Healthcare Consulting at the Fall 2020 Kickoff for:

- An **intro** to the consulting career path
  - An **overview** of PBG, including what we do, and how to **apply** for consulting projects
  - Network** with fellow PBG members
  - No business/consulting experience necessary
  - For more information about PBG, visit our website at [pbgconsulting.org](http://pbgconsulting.org)
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### **COVID-19: Scientific Advances and Its Impact on Women's Health**

**September 11, 2020, 8:30AM – 12:30PM CST**

[Register here](#)

This symposium will feature a panel of internationally-recognized speakers on the front line of basic science and global health who will discuss cutting-edge research into COVID-19 pathogenesis at the cellular and molecular levels, gender differences in COVID-19 pathogenesis, current therapies and how COVID-19 has impacted the health of women in our local and global communities. The featured speakers will include Penn's own **Dr. Susan Weiss**, co-director of the [Penn Center for Research on Coronavirus and Other Emerging Pathogens](#).

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**Cancer and COVID-19: Update from Penn's Abramson Cancer Center**  
**September 30, 2020, 5:45PM - 8:45PM**

This event is designed to focus on the major areas in which the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted how cancer care is delivered and experienced by patients. Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director NIAID and Founding Member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force to Deliver Keynote. Dr. Fauci will share his latest insights on COVID-19, the state of the science, and the impact of the pandemic on cancer. Register [here](#).

## THESIS DEFENSES

Sept. 10, 2 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/876457487>): **Caleb Radens (CAMB)**, "Characterizing Local Splicing Variations from Heterogeneous RNA-Sequencing Datasets." Contact [Meagan Schofer](#).

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NGG

**CALENDARS**  
[NGG and GLIA](#)  
[MINS](#)  
[BGSA](#)

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### Job Openings

- **Postdoctoral Training Fellow - The Francis Crick Institute** - See full announcement [here](#).
- **Postdoctoral Research Positions in the Dreyfuss Lab** – See full announcement [here](#).

- **Morrison & Foerster LLP seeking Entry Level Patent Agents or Scientific Analysts** – See full announcement [here](#).

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

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### **ITMAT Request for Applications**

ITMAT is pleased to announce a request for applications for its education programs in clinical and translational science. **Applications are due October 23, 2020**

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.](#)

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### **Penn Libraries Workshops**

The Penn Libraries is offering a variety of online workshops. Miss a workshop? Check online for archived [materials and recordings](#).

*Upcoming sessions include:*

- [R Basics: Prepare Data for Modeling and Analysis | Wednesday, September 9, 1:00 - 2:30 PM ET](#)

For full details, more upcoming sessions, and to register visit the [Penn Libraries website](#).

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### **Google PhD Fellowship**

Penn has been invited to submit up to 4 nominees for the Google PhD Fellowship Program. Self-nominations are made to the Provost's office, which decides which to nominate to Google. The internal competition deadline is **September 11, 2020, 11:59 PM EDT**. Please see the full announcement, including eligibility information, [here](#).

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### U-M Medical School November Postdoc Preview

Twice a year, University of Michigan Medical School hosts Postdoc Preview, a recruiting event that awards 20 upper-level graduate students the opportunity to explore the extensive postdoctoral research and training opportunities in biomedical sciences available at U-M. During a **three-day virtual visit (November 9-11, 2020)**, invited candidates will have the opportunity to interview with prospective mentors, network with current postdocs, and learn about life in Ann Arbor. Applicants are selected from a national pool of candidates who expect to complete their thesis research by Summer 2021. Applications are open until **September 30, 2020**.

See the full announcement [here](#).

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### AAAS' 45th Annual Science and Technology Policy Forum

Registration is now open for [AAAS' 45th Annual Science and Technology Policy Forum](#), a free event for those interested in policy to come together to discuss current challenges at the intersection of science, policy and society. The forum will take place virtually on **October 13-14**.

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### 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**.

AAAS has organized a Live Chat Series to share more information about the Fellowship. Upcoming webinars for this application season include:

- September 16, 4pm ET | [A Day in the Life: What's It Like to Be a Fellow?](#)
  - October 15, 2pm ET | [Ask a Fellow Anything](#)
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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](#)

[Roommate Ads – Google Doc](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Family Center at Penn](#)

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

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