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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gateway Testing Requirement for Current Students

As you are all aware, there has been a concerning increase of COVID infections due to the Delta Variant. In an effort to prevent the spread of the variant on campus, as you return to academic and clinical activities, you are required to be "[gateway tested](#)" – although the messaging from the University refers to "arrival" testing, the University is defining gateway testing as a COVID test between July 7 and Sept 7 (without departing Philadelphia) for all students. [Here's the link to the Penn site describing this initiative](#). This testing REQUIRED, regardless of your vaccination status.

For those of you currently on campus, gateway testing can be performed via Penn Cares, which is managed by Student Health Services (SHS), anytime now.

If you are on campus or in Philadelphia AND plan on traveling outside the city for any reason, you will need to get tested upon your return to school.

To be clear: **EVERYONE** who will be on site this semester needs to have gateway testing by September 7, 2021. There will be no exceptions.

We really appreciate your efforts to help us preserve the health of our community in BGS and at Penn.

Additional questions can easily be answered by accessing this [FAQ](#) page. Please contact Judy Jackson (jajackso@pennmedicine.upenn.edu) with any specific or individualized questions regarding this process.

We look forward to seeing you in person this fall!

An Update on Penn's Plans for the Fall Semester

The University recently issued updated guidelines for the Fall semester, available [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination/Testing Requirements. Penn students, faculty, and staff are required to be vaccinated. Students must upload their vaccine record through [Student Health](#). Information regarding current student immunization requirements can be found [here](#). Beginning July 1, and in accordance with the latest Philadelphia Department of Public Health guidance, fully vaccinated students, faculty, staff, and postdoctoral trainees will no longer be required to participate in weekly [Penn Cares COVID-19](#) screening testing. Students who have not uploaded their fully COVID-19 vaccinated documentation to Student Health Service by July 1 must take part in weekly Penn Cares screening testing. Non-compliance will result in a Red Pass from PennOpen Pass. Learn more about student compliance with testing [here](#).
[COVID SAFE surveillance testing](#) sites closed on June 23, 2021.

ITMAT Education Fall 2021 Course Offerings

The ITMAT Fall 2021 course offerings include:

REG 510 – Introduction to Clinical & Translational Research

Instructor: Emma Meagher, MD

Time: MW, 8:30 – 10 am

Modality: Online

Open to nondegree: Yes

REG 616 Quality Assurance

Instructor: Dawn Lundin

Time: Tuesdays, 4 – 7 pm

Modality: Online

Open to nondegree: Yes

See the full announcement and course request forms [here](#).

Sharing Roommate Ads & Slack for BGS Students

BGS students are welcome to post their housing and roommate ads in the following [Google doc](#). There is also a channel within the BGS Slack workspace intended for sharing roommate ads, titled **#attn_roommate-ads**.

As a reminder, the Slack workspace was created to help facilitate communication among BGS students. There are different channels, or chat groups, on the BGS Slack workspace for various student led ad-hoc discussions about activities, events, and classes. All BGS students are invited to join [here](#).

Sign up for free Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences

To support your professional and career development, Perelman School of Medicine will sponsor interested students, postdocs, and faculty for complimentary 1-year Membership to the [New York Academy of Sciences](#). For over 200 years, the Academy has helped scientists, engineers, and innovators pursue successful careers.

SIGN UP AT [NYAS.ORG/PERELMAN](https://nyas.org/perelman) TO REQUEST A SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP

We're committed to our mission providing premier scientific content and career development resources during these challenging times. As an Academy Member, you'll benefit from access to:

- **Career Readiness Training:** [Career Development resources](#), including online courses and webinars to help you acquire the skills you'll need to succeed in a STEM-related field.
 - **Cutting Edge Content:** Unlimited digital access to our [publications](#) and [eBriefings](#).
 - **Networking & Resume Building:** opportunities to [present your research](#), apply intensive leadership training, [become a mentor](#), and connect with other Members from our global Membership network, using an [online Directory](#).
 - **Upcoming Webinars & Programs.** Discounted and free registration on all of our [upcoming events](#) featuring the latest research presented at the Academy. For the time being, all 2021 events will be presented through online platforms while some of our previously scheduled events are being postponed to a later date.
For our programs and resources on COVID-19, click [here](#).
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Graduate & Professional Student Emergency Fund

The Office of the Provost has provided over \$70,000 to the VPUL Emergency Fund specifically dedicated for graduate and professional student urgent and unanticipated needs. Students facing emergency financial hardships can learn more at gsc.upenn.edu/grad-emergency-grant.

Call for Nominations - Lok and Kanefield Prizes for BGS Students Conducting Cystic Fibrosis Research or Related Research

BGS seeks nominations for the two prizes described [here](#). Nominations may be made on a rolling basis. If the award money is to be used for travel to a conference, please submit the nomination at least 2 months prior to the date of the conference. BGS faculty members should nominate their students via email to rebecca.lopez@pennmedicine.upenn.edu.

Counseling and Wellness

[Counseling and Psychological Services](#) has a variety of virtual options and some in-person options. Call 215-898-7021 anytime (24/7) to make an appointment or talk with a licensed counselor.

On campus appointments are available 9am-5pm Monday-Friday. Virtual appointments are available Mon-Thursday, 9am-6pm, Friday, 9am-5pm, and Saturday, 10am-2pm. Press 2 to make an in-person or virtual appointment.

You may also use [Let's Talk](#) virtual hours: <https://caps.wellness.upenn.edu/ltplchours/>
Use 215-898-7021, press 2, to schedule a Let's Talk session.

Dr. Tiffany Brown is the embedded CAPS counselor for BGS. You may schedule appointments with her directly [nicobr@upenn.edu] or by calling 215-898-7021 (press 2). You may also arrange to work with other CAPS counselors by calling the main CAPS number.

UPCOMING EVENTS

None this week.

THESIS DEFENSES

Aug. 4, 1 PM ([Virtual link](#)): **Tara Friebel-Klingner (GGEB), "Identifying Demographic, Clinical and Geographic Features of Cervical Cancer Patients Presenting to a Multidisciplinary Tumor (MDT) Clinic in Gaborone, Botswana."** Contact [Eli Elliott](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

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

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Events this Week

None this week.

Upcoming Events

- **(NEW) - Faculty Job Search Prep Camp from August 9 – 12, 2021.** If you're planning to apply for faculty jobs, either in this upcoming cycle or in the future, join Penn Career Services for this four-day Faculty Job Search Prep Camp to get a head start on planning your job search. Through workshop presentations and faculty and alumni panels, we'll help you understand how you can best prepare for each step of the process, from assessing your readiness to go on the faculty job market and crafting application materials to preparing for interviews and negotiating offers. See the schedule [here](#).

Janssen Scholars of Oncology Diversity Engagement Program (SODEP)

Registration Deadline August 16, 2021

Note: Early registration is encouraged, as admission is rolling and will be closed when they reach 100 registrants.

We are delighted to announce the launch of the [Janssen Scholars of Oncology Diversity Engagement Program \(SODEP\)](#). SODEP consists of three steps:

1. Exposure to industry at the virtual **Janssen Oncology Day**, an all-day program that will provide an overview of the various opportunities within science and medicine.
2. **One-on-one mentorship.** Up to 10 scholars who attend Janssen Oncology Day will be selected for this step of the program, in which the scholars will be paired with Janssen leaders in an ongoing one-year mentoring experience, where they will receive career coaching and guidance. In addition, scholars will receive a \$10,000 stipend for conference travel, research supplies, and training courses.
3. **Potential placement.** If scholars are interested in transitioning into a career in industry, their relationship with their mentor will provide them with support in identifying and applying for any appropriate open positions at Janssen.

Learn more about [eligibility requirements here](#). Registration is currently open for the Janssen Oncology Day, which will take place on **September 15, 2021**.

Postdoc Opportunity for PhDs: Apply for Postdoc Preview, October 2021 at Univ of Michigan
Application Deadline August 20, 2021

View flyer [here](#)

The University of Michigan Medical School will host Postdoc Preview, October 18-22, 2021. This recruiting event is an opportunity for upper-level graduate students to explore the extensive postdoctoral research and training opportunities in biomedical sciences at University of Michigan. During a virtual visit, guests will interview with prospective mentors, network with current postdocs, learn about funding opportunities, and about life in Ann Arbor. Applicants are selected from a national pool of candidates who expect to complete their thesis research within the next year. Applications will be accepted through **August 20, 2021**.

For more information and to apply: https://ogps.smapply.io/prog/postdoc_preview_october_2021/

IBSA Foundation for scientific research – Fellowships 2021 Call
Application Deadline: December 31, 2021

Applications are open for the 9th edition of the [IBSA Foundation Fellowships 2021 Call](#) that awards 6 fellowships of € 30,000/each (one additional fellowship compared to the previous edition) to young researchers under the age of 40, from Universities and Research Institutes around the world, who have distinguished themselves for their skills and have ongoing projects of particular relevance in the following research areas:

- dermatology
- endocrinology
- fertility/urology
- orthopaedics/pain medicine/rheumatology

and the 2021 special edition

- regenerative medicine

Please find more information about the Call on the IBSA Foundation's [website](#).

NHGRI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Transition Award for a Diverse Genomics Workforce (F99/K00)

Application Due Date(s): August 8, 2021; December 8, 2021

This two-phased award will facilitate completion of a doctoral dissertation (F99) and transition to a strong postdoctoral research position (K00) focused on the scientific, medical, ethical, social and/or legal areas of genomics research.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-143.html>

Job Openings

- **(NEW)** - [Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Thomas Jefferson University](#)
- **(NEW)** - [Postdoctoral Position Gennarino Laboratory, Columbia University](#)
- [Open Postdoc Positions - Weill Cornell Medicine](#)
- [Post Doctoral Fellow – Nephrology/Cell Biology, University of Pittsburgh](#)
- [Post Doctoral Fellow – Cardiovascular Signal Transduction, Harvard Medical School](#)
- [Archive of other Job Listings](#)

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

RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Calendar](#)

[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 GROUP EVENTS/RESOURCES

Events this Week

August 2, 3 PM: **Campus Ecology Tours**. Join Penn Sustainability & Penn's Landscape Architecture team for Ecology tours. All graduate and professional students are welcome. Learn more and register: www.gsc.upenn.edu/events

BGSA: Student volunteers needed at BGS Orientation!

Hello Current BGS Students!

We need your help! BGSA is hosting a Mentorship Workshop during BGS New Student Orientation on August 17th from 2:00-4:10pm. In particular, we are looking for students to join us in helping to

facilitate breakout groups and participating in our mentorship panel. It's important that our many BGS graduate groups are represented at this event!

Sign up here and BGSA will be reaching out with more information:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aIDYjN1qYFQYEwZRae2THbnEiA-MfmERC2OeYnilSAs/edit?usp=sharing>

We hope to thank you for your time in the form of snacks or swag - stay tuned :) This is also a great opportunity to pay it forward and welcome the 149(!) new students joining our programs.

PSN is recruiting to our leadership team!

The Peer Support Network is actively recruiting for leadership positions! Looking to host wellness-focused social events? Eager to expand your advertising and social media skills? Want to learn how to manage an organization's budget? Consider joining the PSN leadership team!

Open Leadership positions include:

- Co-Vice Chairs for Group Programming
- Vice Chair for Volunteer Recruitment & Retention
- Vice Chair for Social Media & Advertising
- Vice Chair for Communications and Website Management
- Vice Chair for Finance
- Vice Chair for Volunteer Training & Education

As a member of the PSN leadership team, you will work together with PSN volunteers to build community within BGS. You will also gain translatable, soft skills that will enhance your CV and impress future employers!

Click [here](#) for full descriptions of leadership positions

Interested in a specific leadership position? Complete this [form](#)!

To learn more about PSN, visit our website [here](#)!

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

