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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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.

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## Instructions for Uploading Immunization Records

Student Health Services has a process for verifying vaccinations, including the COVID-19 vaccine. Please see instructions here: <https://shs.wellness.upenn.edu/immreq/uploading-immunization-records/>

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## **(NEW)** - Notice on Phasing of Library Services

As the University of Pennsylvania looks ahead to a fully in-person fall semester, the Penn Libraries is excited to welcome back our students and faculty by continually expanding on-site access to our collections and services. I would like to share with you [the latest updates](#) on the re-opening of the Libraries' physical spaces, discontinuation of HathiTrust ETAS emergency access, updates on course reserves, and more.

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## ITMAT Education Fall 2021 Course Offerings

### **REG 510 – Introduction to Clinical & Translational Research**

Instructor: Emma Meagher, MD

Time: MW, 8:30 – 10 am

Modality: Online

Open to nondegree: Yes

This introductory course lays the foundation for understanding practical aspects of designing and conducting clinical research in an academic environment. The course is divided into two modules: Module 1: Trial Design and Execution and Module 2: Regulatory Environment for clinical research inclusive of clinical trials. The first module introduces clinical research, clinical protocols, study design and execution and the drug development process. The second module covers ethical considerations in clinical research, study oversight, and the regulatory environment for clinical trials. Upon completion, students should have a strong foundation in the fundamentals of clinical research.

Contact: Bethany Sanghani ([bgermany@upenn.edu](mailto:bgermany@upenn.edu)) with questions

Complete the [course request form](#) if you are interested in registering for the course

### **REG 616 Quality Assurance**

Instructor: Dawn Lundin

Time: Tuesdays, 4 – 7 pm

Modality: Online

Open to nondegree: Yes

Quality assurance (QA) plays a critical role in the reliability and reproducibility of product development and, manufacturing. As a component of the Quality Management System, quality assurance includes all activities performed by an organization for the prevention of errors and defects. This course intends to focus on QA principles, standards and requirements, with regard to the FDA-regulated product development lifecycle. Further, the course aims to offer examples of QA and quality control measures through auditing monitoring and risk management. Application of

quality assurance and the interfaces between GLP, GTP,GMP-and Pharmacovigilance regulatory regulated activities during product development and manufacturing will also be addressed. Contact: Bethany Sanghani ([bgermany@upenn.edu](mailto:bgermany@upenn.edu)) with questions Complete the [course request form](#) if you are interested in registering for the course

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### 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\_roomate-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](#).

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### 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](https://gsc.upenn.edu/grad-emergency-grant).

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### **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@pennterms.upenn.edu](mailto:rebecca.lopez@pennterms.upenn.edu).

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### **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-Thurs, 9am-6pm, Fri, 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/ltplohours/>  
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](mailto: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**

### **2021 Chemistry-Biology Interface Summer Retreat**

**Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 12 PM**

[See flyer here](#)

The Fellows of the Chemistry-Biology Interface Training Grant would like to invite you to join us for our **2021 Chemistry-Biology Interface Summer Retreat on Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm**, which will be held **virtually over zoom**. We are still accepting abstract submissions for short (15 min) oral presentations. Talks may cover *any topic* within Chemistry and Biology, you will also receive a CBI t-shirt if you participate! **The deadline to be considered for a talk is approaching quickly on July 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Our keynote speakers this year are **David Van Valen (Caltech) and Virginia Cornish (Columbia)**.

Please register using the following link: <https://forms.gle/uj3jYpmnpXYJnEF9>

You can visit our CBI website (<https://www.med.upenn.edu/cbit32/>) for information on past symposia. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Best,

The CBI Planning Committee

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## THESIS DEFENSES

July 22, 9:30 AM ([https://bluejeans.com/547460469/1709?src=join\\_info](https://bluejeans.com/547460469/1709?src=join_info)): **Patti Murphy (NGG)**,  
"Choosing the right path: analysis of axon guidance in peripheral nerve regeneration." Contact [Keyana Moody](#).

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CAMB**

- July 21, 2 -3 PM: **CB Program Town Hall**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#) for the virtual link.

### **NGG**

#### **CALENDARS**

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[BGSA](#)

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### **Events this Week**

The NIH Office of Intramural Training & Education (OITE) presents the following Professional Development Events:

- [Workplace Dynamics III: Team Skills](#)  
July 19, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm ET  
[https://nih.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdOyhpj8iHGhma0tURJCz3celCz\\_QttM](https://nih.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdOyhpj8iHGhma0tURJCz3celCz_QttM)
- [Reproducible Data Science: What Are Data Scientists Doing to Ensure Their Findings Are Replicable and How's It Working?](#)  
July 20, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm ET  
[Register](#)
- [Talking Science: Designing and Delivering Successful Oral Presentations](#)  
July 22, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/698937966465673227>
- NIH Science at Home  
[National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders](#) (NIDCD)  
July 23, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET  
[National Institute on Drug Abuse](#) (NIDA)  
July 23, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET
- [In Their Own Words](#): Jacob Kuba, NIH Postbac  
July 23, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET  
<https://nih.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdu-pqTgvHyVG7iESCTNeZo0rIEft7M8>

### Upcoming Events

- July 27, 12 – 1 PM ([Register](#) / [Submit Questions](#)): **BPP/BPC Virtual Panel Discussion: “Translational Research— Everyone’s Talking about it but What is it and How Can You Better Help Patients and Your Career.”** See flyer [here](#).

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**(NEW) - 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/](https://ogps.smapply.io/prog/postdoc_preview_october_2021/)

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### **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**.

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### **Save the Date: Pfizer Pharmaceutical Careers and Postdoctoral Opportunities Educational Event**

**Tuesday, 11/16/21**

The Pfizer Pharmaceutical Careers and Postdoctoral Opportunities Educational Event is an opportunity for PhD students within 12 months of graduation to attend a virtual event at Pfizer to learn more about the Pfizer Worldwide Research, Development and Medical Postdoctoral Program. The [attached flier](#) provides additional details and the application link.

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### **E-Resource: Aurora by Beyond the Professoriate**

Aurora by Beyond the Professoriate, Penn's newest digital resource for PhD career exploration, is an eLearning Platform with on-demand, self-paced learning modules that allow PhDs and Postdocs to explore career options and discover ways to apply the skills acquired through their education. Learn more [here](#).

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## **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](#).

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

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.

Application Due Date(s): August 8, 2021; December 8, 2021  
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-143.html>

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## **Job Openings**

- [Postdoctoral Research Fellow - The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia](#)
- [Immunology Postdoc Positions Available at the University of Pittsburgh](#)
- [Postdoctoral Fellowships: Molecular Neuroscience of Substance Abuse Research Training \(Rutgers University\)](#)
- [Bashaw Lab Position](#)
- [Postdoctoral Position, Davidson Lab, Swarthmore College](#)
- [Eli Lilly seeking cell pharmacologist](#)
- [Eli Lilly and Company seeking postdoctoral fellow](#)
- [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**

July 21, 12 – 2 PM (Grad Center, 3615 Locust Walk): **Popsicle Giveaway!** The Grad Center at Penn will be giving away dairy and dairy-free Lil' Pop Shop popsicles to graduate and professional students who show a valid Penn Card this Wednesday, 12-2pm.

July 22, 12 PM (Shoemaker Green): **Free Yoga Session with the Grad Center.** Free yoga sessions for Penn graduate and professional students. All levels welcome! Register in advance at [www.gsc.upenn.edu/events](http://www.gsc.upenn.edu/events).

July 23, 10 AM: **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](http://www.gsc.upenn.edu/events)

### **Future Events**

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](http://www.gsc.upenn.edu/events)

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### **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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