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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/>

COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations

Testing. Graduate students who live on campus or come to campus each week must be tested. You may enroll in [Penn Cares Testing](#) or in [COVID SAFE](#) – but you should not be enrolled in both simultaneously. If you are working in a lab in CHOP, Wistar, or another affiliate and are NOT entering Penn/PSOM buildings, you should follow those entities' testing protocols and do NOT need to enroll in University testing. You may receive automated emails about testing even though you are not enrolled in Penn Cares Testing; you may ignore these emails.

Red PennOpen Pass? If you signed up for Penn Cares testing but are not scheduled for a weekly test, you may get a red PennOpen pass. You will need to schedule your weekly test in order to be given a green pass. If you are no longer coming to campus weekly or have switched to COVID SAFE, please email Judy Jackson, jajackso@penntest.upenn.edu to arrange to be un-enrolled from Penn Cares. Please refer to Perelman School of Medicine email of 1/25/21 4:24pm for more details about testing.

Vaccinations. Penn and the PSOM have begun rolling out vaccinations. Please refer to Penn's [Vaccinations](#) site for more information.

Penn Genetics Awards | Kadesch Prize & Kaushal Awards | Applications Due 6/25/21

The Department of Genetics is now accepting applications for the Penn Genetics Awards of Excellence.

The Kadesch prize recognizes excellence in research and citizenship by a graduate student from any BGS program. The Kaushal prize is awarded to one graduate student and one postdoctoral fellow for an outstanding research publication. Learn more about the application requirements [here](#).

Applications are due Friday, June 25th to Kimberly Runyan, krunyan@penntest.upenn.edu.

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](#).

(NEW) - E-Resources News: Policy Commons & New York Times site license

Policy Commons

<http://hdl.library.upenn.edu/1017/126347>

Discovery platform and repository for IGO, NGO, think tank, and research organization materials, including access to more than 24 million pages of curated, high quality policy reports, briefs, analyses, working papers, and datasets from thousands of policy organizations.

New York Times site license via nytimes.com

<http://hdl.library.upenn.edu/1017/126342>

The Penn Libraries' campus-wide subscription to the New York Times provides digital access to nytimes.com, including via tablet/mobile apps and the archive back to 1851. This subscription does not include access to NYT Crossword/Games, Cooking, or e-reader editions (e.g. Kindle Fire, Nook).

IMPORTANT: You must use the Penn link above to create or associate your New York Times account under Penn's subscription. After completing the set up process you do not have to go through the Penn link; you will be able to login directly at nytimes.com or via the NYT app.

New Collections at Penn Libraries

New databases, journals, and e-book collections have been added to the Penn Libraries collections for your use. See a full list of the new additions [here](#).

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@penncmedicine.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-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] or by calling 215-898-7021 (press 2). You may also arrange to work with other CAPS counselors by calling the main CAPS number.

Penn Marrow Drive

As shown in the [infographic](#), many groups face significant barriers to finding life-saving matches for blood stem cell or marrow transplants. If you are interested in becoming a donor, please visit <https://join.bethematch.org/Penn> or text Penn to the number 61474. You can also view a recent [information session recording](#) to learn more about the process (patient stories from 00:00-23:00, information on donation process from 23:00-46:00, and Q & A from 46:00-56:00). Thank you! Questions? E-mail hayp@upenn.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LGBT Center Pride Month Events

Dance Outside (or Online) with Pride

Wed, June 16, 2-3p ET

In-Person: LGBT Center (3907 Spruce St)

Zoom: <https://vpul->

[upenn.zoom.us/j/95435996859?pwd=U0wvU3NURHNRRXN4aHVUOER2VVg3QT09](https://vpul-upenn.zoom.us/j/95435996859?pwd=U0wvU3NURHNRRXN4aHVUOER2VVg3QT09)

Celebrate pride with our first ever hybrid dance class. Whether in-person or online you're sure to GET YOUR LIFE with Philadelphia's **choreographer extraordinaire Devon Sinclair** (@CHOREATOR)! With space for movers and dancers of all levels, bring a friend and your best pride attire to dance it out in honor of Pride.

Pride on Ice

Wed, June 23, 4:30-6p ET, Penn Ice Rink (3130 Walnut St)

Cosponsored by Lambda Grads & GAPSA

Be part of Penn on Ice, an interactive experience, and join us for free skating (or skate watching), great DJ curated music, and loads of LGBTQ+ pride! Come in pride finery or as you are, as we will have some fun swag to liven up the party.

-PennOpen Passes will be checked and masks must be worn as per Penn Ice Rink protocol

LGBTQ+ Pride Trivia Night

Wed, June 30, 8p ET

Cosponsored by PennGALA

What was the first campus LGBTQ+ center in Pennsylvania? Yes, Penn! Join us from wherever you are for a fun night of interactive LGBTQ+ trivia with the LGBT Center and PennGALA (Penn's LGBTQ+ alum group) to end pride month with a bang! Note: two internet connected devices are required (e.g., a mobile and laptop).

-Registration required: bit.ly/queertriviareg

A Poem a Day, Pride Month Style

To subscribe: write athakkar@seas.upenn.edu with 'POETRY' in the subject line

Celebrate pride all month with poetry by LGBTQ+ writers, one sent daily. Many thanks to grad student Aalok Thakkar for organizing this!

2021 Chemistry-Biology Interface Summer Retreat

Thursday, July 29th, 9 AM – 12 PM

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 29th**, which will be held **virtually over zoom**. The symposium will take place from **9:00am – 12pm**. We are currently accepting abstract submissions for short (15 min) oral presentations. Talks may cover *any topic* within Chemistry and Biology. There will be no poster session this year due to the virtual event, so please consider giving a 15-minute talk (you will receive a CBI t-shirt if you participate)! **The deadline to be considered for a talk is July 10th.**

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

Please register using the following link: <https://forms.gle/uj3jYpmpnXYJnEF9>

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

June 16, 10 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/769482789>): **Joseph Park (GCB), "A genome-first approach to investigating the biological and clinical relevance of exome-wide rare coding variation using electronic health record phenotypes."** Contact [Maureen Kirsch](#).

June 16, 10:30 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/217506269>): **Nawar Naseer (CAMB), "Investigating Human Cell Type-Specific Inflammasome Responses to Salmonella Infection."** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

June 16, 1 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/630902786/4940>): **Alexander Salomon (CAMB), "Microtubule post-translational detyrosination coordinates network stability and mechanics in the cardiomyocyte."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

June 17, 3 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/124469631/3513>): **Claire Meurice (PGG), "Development and Validation of a Novel E2F1 mouse model to evaluate the cell-type specific contribution of E2F1 to age-associated neurodegeneration."** Contact [Sarah Squire](#).

June 18, 1 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/209931281>): **Tiffany Tsang (CAMB), "Copper is essential for nutrient homeostasis via direct modulation of autophagy kinases in cancer."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

- June 18, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress: Post Rotation Talks.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#) for the virtual link.

NGG

CALENDARS

[NGG and GLIA](#)

[MINS](#)

[BGSA](#)

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Events this Week

- Penn Libraries and the Grad Center will co-host **citation management workshops** throughout June:
 - June 15, 9:00 a.m. and June 16, 4:00 p.m. — Zotero with Shannon Robinson
 - June 22, 9:00 a.m. and June 23, 4:00 p.m. — Mendeley with Rebecca S.Register for the workshops [here](#).

(NEW) - 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](#).

Fellowship Opportunity Abroad for PhD Graduates **Application Deadline: June 30th**

[Science Corps](#), a non-profit organization, provides recent STEM PhDs with paid fellowships to improve science education in under-resourced areas. They are currently seeking late-stage PhD students and postdoc applicants for our fellowships. Learn more [here](#).

Baxter Young Investigator Awards 2021 – Applications Due June 30th

Baxter International is now accepting applications for the 2021 Baxter Young Investigator Awards (BYIA). The BYIA is an annual program sponsored by Baxter to support and promote innovative research applicable to the development of our critical therapies and clinical diagnostics. All applicants must be currently enrolled graduate students or postdoctoral fellows in North, Central, or South America at the time of submission and must be primarily responsible for the research described.

To apply for this prestigious award, or to obtain more information, please visit the BYIA website: <https://www.baxter.com/our-story/fueling-collaborative-innovation/baxter-young-investigator-awards>.

This webpage provides the scope & criteria for the awards, as well as detailed eligibility requirements and conditions. It also provides links to past winners and their research titles.

The application deadline is June 30th.

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](#).

Shared Call for T32 Nominations: Computational Genomics; Developmental Biology; Cell and Molecular Biology; Genetics

The following training grants are soliciting nominations of graduate students for the 2021-2022 academic year through a BGS-managed web-based system. Training grants fund a significant portion of a student's tuition, fees, and stipend. Appointment to a training grant is recognition of academic promise and distinction and, in some cases, provides additional training opportunities or funds for travel to scientific meetings. To be eligible for consideration, a student must be a US citizen or permanent resident (green card holder) and must have received no more than four years of NRSA funding by the time of appointment. Additional criteria for each grant are specified in the descriptions below. *Please note: you may apply for more than 1 grant, provided you meet the eligibility criteria; however, the grants may have different deadlines, so apply by the earliest deadline.*

2021-2022 Nominations for NRSA T32s:

Cell and Molecular Biology – Deadline June 15, 2021

Genetics - Deadline June 15, 2021

See additional criteria here: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/2021-2022-nominations-for-select-t32s.html>

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/PA-21-143.html>

Reaching the Peak: A Science & Technology Career Summit

[Learn more and register](#)

Registration is now open for *Reaching the Peak: A Science & Technology Career Summit*, Research!America's summit for early career researchers, on **June 30, 2021 from 11-6 p.m. ET.**

During this one-day virtual event, early career researchers will have the opportunity to explore an array of career paths, network with fellow researchers, participate in professional development workshops, and engage in meaningful discussions around issues critical to the success of the R&D ecosystem.

Sample workshops and topics the Summit will explore:

- Resume and CV Development
 - Effective Science Communication
 - Science Policy and Advocacy
 - Fostering Successful Mentorships
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Job Openings

- [Postdoctoral Position, Davidson Lab, Swarthmore College](#)
- [Eli Lilly seeking cell pharmacologist](#)
- [Eli Lilly and Company seeking postdoctoral fellow](#)
- [FDA Seeking Staff Fellow/Visiting Associate: Pharmacology/Toxicology Reviewer](#)
- [Memorial Sloan Kettering – Postdoctoral Fellow | Translational Research, Immunotherapy and Immunology](#)
- [The Gene Therapy Program \(GTP\) is seeking a Scientific Communications Specialist](#)
- [Dana Foundation Fellow in Neuroscience and Society](#)
- [Duke University, Postdoctoral Associate, Pharmacology and Cancer Biology](#)
- [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](#)
[Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences](#)

STUDENT GROUP **EVENTS/RESOURCES**

Penn Swag Giveaway Event

June 15th – June 17th, 11am – 3pm, Richards Plaza (outside)
[3700 Hamilton Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104](#)

PICK UP FREE SWAG. Registration is required.

Pick Up Sign Up: <https://penn-bgsa.ticketleap.com/penn-swag-giveaway/>

If another student is picking up an item for you please choose any time slot and next choose “Pick up by another student” option when registering. When checking out you will be asked for the name of the student that will be picking up an item for you.

[Peer Support Network \(PSN\)](#)
[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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For information about upcoming events or to advertise in next week’s bulletin, contact
[Rebecca Lopez](#).