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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(NEW)** - **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) - 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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### **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.

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### **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](#).

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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@pennmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:rebecca.lopez@pennmedicine.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-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/ltplochours/>  
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.

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## 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](mailto:hayp@upenn.edu).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## LGBT Center Pride Month Events

### *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](http://bit.ly/queertriviareg)

### ***A Poem a Day, Pride Month Style***

To subscribe: write [athakkar@seas.upenn.edu](mailto: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!

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

**Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>**, 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 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/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**

July 1, 10 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/787121264>): **Jason Godfrey (CAMB), "Aspects of deregulated glucose metabolism in liver and kidney cancer."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Coolley](mailto:Kathy.O'Connor-Coolley).

# PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CAMB

- July 1, 12 – 1 PM: **CAMB Vice Chair Craig Bassing's Virtual Office Hours**. Sign Up [here](#) for a virtual meeting. Contact [Craig Bassing](#).

## NGG

### CALENDARS

[NGG and GLIA](#)

[MINS](#)

[BGSA](#)

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## Events this Week

None this week.

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## **(NEW)** - Janssen Scholars of Oncology Diversity Engagement Program (SODEP)

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

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### **(NEW) - 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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### **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](#).

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### **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 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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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/PA-21-143.html>

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### **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**

- **(NEW)** - [Postdoctoral Research Fellow - The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia](#)
- **(NEW)** - [Immunology Postdoc Positions Available at the University of Pittsburgh](#)
- **(NEW)** - [Postdoctoral Fellowships: Molecular Neuroscience of Substance Abuse Research Training \(Rutgers University\)](#)
- **(NEW)** - [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

## **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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[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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