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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Save-the-Date: BGS Virtual Graduation**

BGS will hold a virtual graduation ceremony on **Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 1:30 PM ET!** The event will last approximately 45 minutes and will include remarks from Dean Jameson and Executive Vice Dean Epstein as well as a presentation of each graduate. Although the event will be pre-recorded, there will be an opportunity for everyone to use the chat feature to communicate their congratulations in real time. A recording will be available following the event.

Stay tuned for updates [here](#).

Please join us in celebrating our graduates! [\*\*#BGSgraduation2021\*\*](#)

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### **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](mailto: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.

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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@penntest.upenn.edu](mailto:rebecca.lopez@penntest.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/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](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).

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### **Request Your Mail-in Ballot for PA Primary Elections**

Planning on voting by mail in the Primary Elections on May 18? You'll need to request your mail-in ballot by May 11. Penn Leads the Vote has information on requesting your mail-in ballot at <https://www.pennvotes.org/mailinpa/>. More information about the elections and other voting options can be found at [pennvotes.org](http://pennvotes.org).

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### **Recording from 4/22 Virtual Event - Making Black Lives Matter in Philadelphia: Perspectives from the Health Sciences**

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our special event last week, **Making Black Lives Matter in Philadelphia: Perspectives from the Health Sciences**.

Many thanks to Dr. Eugenia South for her excellent keynote as well as to our roundtablists Dr. Bridgette Brawner, Dr. Allison Buttenheim, and Tarik Khan for a great conversation. And very special thanks to Richard James for his fantastic work both hosting the event and moderating the roundtable discussion.

We are pleased to share this link to a recording of the event and encourage you to watch it if you couldn't join us last week. Please feel free to share this widely.

[https://mediaspace.library.upenn.edu/media/Making+Black+Lives+Matter+in+PhiladelphiaA+Perspectives+from+the+Health+Sciences/1\\_cnyt6duz](https://mediaspace.library.upenn.edu/media/Making+Black+Lives+Matter+in+PhiladelphiaA+Perspectives+from+the+Health+Sciences/1_cnyt6duz)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Rescheduled Green Labs Working Group Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 11 at 2pm**

Please join us for our re-scheduled [Earth Week](#) Green Labs meeting on Tuesday, May 11 at 2pm to discuss ways to improve the sustainability of labs on Penn's campus!

Zoom link to register for this virtual meeting: [bit.ly/maygreenlabs](https://bit.ly/maygreenlabs)

## THESIS DEFENSES

May 10, 1 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/301487850>): **Vineet Kulkarni (CAMB)**, “**Compartment-specific Regulation of Neuronal Autophagy by Synaptic Activity.**” Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

May 14, 2:30 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/229356016>): **Sydney Campbell (CAMB)**, “**Hexosamine Salvage in Pancreatic Cancer.**” Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

May 18, 11 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/228511191>): **Lisa Cucolo (CAMB)**, “**Tumor RIPK1 Signaling Regulates Intrinsic and Extrinsic Mechanisms of Resistance to Immune Checkpoint Blockade Therapy.**” Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CAMB**

- 5/12, 2:00pm - 4:00pm: **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler's Virtual Office Hours.** Sign Up [here](#) for a virtual meeting. Contact [Dan Kessler](#).
- 5/13, 12:00pm - 1:00pm: **GTV Trainee Seminar: Kimberly Apodaca (Linette lab), Jacob Hoffman (Wilson lab), and Kelly Martins (Wilson lab) presenting.** Contact [Anna](#) for the virtual link.

### **NGG**

#### **CALENDARS**

[NGG and GLIA](#)

[MINS](#)

[BGSA](#)

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## Events this Week

- None this week

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## 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:

Computational Genomics - Deadline May 10, 2021

Developmental Biology – Deadline May 27, 2021

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>

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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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## 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

- [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](#)
- [PharMeridian LLC – Cell / Gene Therapy Opportunity for Graduates](#)
- [Job Opportunities at AstraZeneca](#)
- [Postdoctoral Positions – Elovitz Laboratory](#)
- [Vivodyne seeking Senior Scientists](#)
- [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

## **PSN General Body Meeting | Tuesday May 11th, 5:00PM**

We at the Peer Support Network are recruiting volunteers! If interested in mentoring your peers, offering them support and increasing a sense of connectivity within BGS, then consider joining PSN!

As a volunteer, you can act as a one-on-one peer-mentor or work to build community within BGS by organizing wellness events. Volunteers will have the opportunity to complete CAPS I CARE training to develop their active listening and mentoring skills.

Sign up to become a volunteer [here!](#) And to learn more about PSN, attend our General Body Meeting this Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00PM (<https://bluejeans.com/3984200643>).

Additional information about PSN and volunteer expectations can be found on our [website](#).

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## **BGSA General Assembly Meeting**

**Tuesday May 11th @6PM**

LINK: <https://pennmedicine.zoom.us/j/7713626246>

Do you want to host giveaway for your group: Penn merchandise, masks, care packages ?

COME FIND OUT ABOUT AVAILABLE FUNDING

Last day to apply for merit request May 31<sup>st</sup>

Last day to use discretionary funds is June 30<sup>th</sup>

More info: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgsa/getfunding.html>

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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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