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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(NEW) - Important Reminder - Update "Learning from" Address Information

This is a reminder to add your Local and "Learning from" addresses in [Penn InTouch](#) if you have not already done so. This is especially important if you are working remotely and not coming to campus to participate in the screening testing.

You can add or update your address by logging into [Penn InTouch](#) and going to "Profile, privacy & emergency" then selecting "Address information".

COVID-19 Requirements

Vaccinations. 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](#).

Masking/Testing. All members of the Penn community and visitors must wear masks while indoors in public or shared spaces. In addition, **twice-a-week** Penn Cares screening testing is required for members of our community who are not vaccinated or choose not to report their vaccination information. Learn more about student compliance with testing [here](#).

Biotech Commons spaces & support

Are you looking for a study space? The newly renovated Biotech Commons opened on Monday, September 20 at 9am! Learn about the available spaces, research support, and hours of operation: <https://pennbiomedlibrary.blog/2021/09/16/biotech-commons-to-open-monday-sept-20/>

Your library Liaison:

Manuel de la Cruz Gutiérrez, PhD, MLS

Director of Data & Innovation Services at the Biotech Commons

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Philadelphia, PA – [Lenapehoking](#)

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Fall 2021 Graduate Spaces

Looking for a quiet place to study, space to relax and meet up with friends, or rooms to reserve while the Grad Center is closed? This page has information about alternative and temporary spaces available for graduate student use during the Fall 2021 semester:

<https://gsc.upenn.edu/Fall2021/spaces>

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**.

There is a BGS slack for connecting the various departments and student groups and as a place for questions and discussion. For current students who are not a part of it yet and incoming students, please join with the following link: https://join.slack.com/t/upennbgs/shared_invite/zt-99ajnayf-ImKfg7ic5niiE1u3ksyl5g

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.

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] 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 Flu Clinic: October 4-8th, 2021

Monday-Thursday: 10 am – 6:30 pm

Friday: 10 am – 3 pm

The annual Flu Vaccine Clinic will be held in Gimbel Gym (Pottruck Health & Fitness Center) on Monday October 4th through Friday October 8th:

<https://campushealth.wellness.upenn.edu/fluclinic/>.

No appointments needed, bring your Penn Card and green PennOpen Pass.

Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

Wednesday, October 13th, 2021, 12 - 2 PM

[Registration](#)

Penn Libraries and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) Patient and Family Education Committee are observing Health Literacy Month by participating in the National Library of Medicine's #citeNLM Wikipedia Edit-a-thon initiative to edit health-related pages on Wikipedia, an online open-source encyclopedia that has become one of the world's most popular websites. Learn how to edit Wikipedia pages using information found on MedlinePlus, PubMed, and other credible health websites. No prior experience with Wikipedia is necessary for this volunteer activity.

Upcoming Symposium: Understanding COVID-19 and Addressing Disparities in Care

Please see the [attached flier](#) for the Coronavirus symposium "Understanding COVID-19 and Addressing Disparities in Care". The symposium will be both virtual and in person, **November 2 from 1 to 5PM ET**. Topics to be covered will range from viral evolution and human variation to delivery of care and vaccine hesitancy.

THESIS DEFENSES

Oct. 6, 4 PM (9-146 Smilow OR via [BlueJeans](#)): **Rebecca Myers (PGG)**, "APC AND GSK-3 REGULATE HIPPO SIGNALING THROUGH AJUBA." Contact [Sarah Squire](#).

Oct. 7, 9 AM (BRB Auditorium): **Kamen Simeonov (CAMB)**, "Single-cell lineage tracing of cancer cells."

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Oct. 4, 5 PM (111 Hill Pavilion): **GTV Faculty Chalk Talks**. Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Oct. 7, 10 AM (4054 Colket or Remote): **CAMB Vice Chair Craig Bassing Office Hours**. Craig will physically be in his office, but if you would like to set up a virtual meeting instead please contact him at bassing@pennmedicine.upenn.edu. If security needs approval to let you in the building, ask them to call Craig at 6-0311.

Oct. 7, 3 PM (BRB Auditorium): **CBP Talks**.

Oct. 8, 12 PM: **DSRB Talks**.

Oct. 8, 12:15 PM (302 CRB): **CPM Research in Progress**.

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CALENDARS

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Events this Week

- Oct. 6, 5-6:30 PM ([Register](#)): **CTL Workshop, "Preparing Students for Midterms and Exams in STEM Fields."** Learn more [here](#).
- Oct. 7, 12 – 1 PM ([Register](#)): BGS students are invited to join the Biomedical Postdoctoral Council for an upcoming event, "**Preparing for a Career in Medical Affairs.**" See flyer [here](#).
- Oct. 7, 12 – 5 PM ([Register](#)): The virtual **Biosciences & Research Career Fair** hosted by Penn Career Services.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 14, 4 – 5 PM ([Register](#)): **CTL Workshop, "Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Science Education with Dr. Sunny Shin."** Location: Biomedical Research Building (BRB) 253 and Zoom (hybrid). *This workshop is co-sponsored by SACNAS, and there will be boxed snacks at the end!*
- Oct. 21, 12 – 1 PM ([Register](#)): BGS students are invited to join the Biomedical Postdoctoral Programs for an upcoming event, "**Navigating the publication process: Tips from a Scientific Editor.**"
- Oct. 21, 1 PM: **Crystal Pharmatech Webinar Series.** Learn more [here](#).
- Nov. 1 – 4: **NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration.** If you are an administrator, researcher, early-stage investigator, graduate student, or anyone new to working with the NIH grants process...then this seminar is designed specifically for you. Register [here](#).

FREE BGS IMPROV WORKSHOP - Improve Your Communication Skills!

Want to discover how **improvisation can improve your communication skills**? Would you like to meet new people and have a fun time while learning how to think more quickly on your feet?

BGS is hosting a **FREE Improv Workshop**
Mondays (Oct 25 - Nov 29), 5:30 - 7:30 PM in Houston Hall
(Room numbers provided upon registration)

Penn ID and green PennOpen Pass required

REGISTER NOW! : <https://forms.gle/2DkbGNJuUPbDfdGi6>

If the idea of improv makes you nervous, check out this [short video](#) to see how much fun and informative this workshop is.

(NEW) - CHOP Gateway to Pediatric Research

Nov. 17 - 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m

[Register Here](#)

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Research Institute is pleased to announce the [Gateway to Pediatric Research Program](#), a one-day event taking place virtually on **November 17, 2021**.

The goal of this event is to introduce CHOP research to promising [senior graduate students](#) and [junior postdoctoral fellows](#) from different backgrounds, races, ethnic groups, life experiences, research experiences and employment backgrounds. Those interested in exploring research opportunities at one of the top ranked US children's hospitals are encouraged to apply. **Registration will close on November 2, 2021.**

Postdoctoral Research Opportunities in Science (PROS) – Apply by Oct 20th

[Postdoctoral Research Opportunities in Science \(PROS\)](#) allows students to explore the options for postdoctoral training and learn about the resources at **Baylor College of Medicine (BCM)**. We facilitate the matching of students with faculty who have aligned interests and provide guidance and support to students through the exploration process. A list of interested faculty who are currently seeking postdoctoral candidates is [here](#).

See the full announcement and flyer [here](#).

ITMAT Education Request for Applications Due Oct 22nd

The annual request for applications for our education programs in clinical, translational, entrepreneurial, and regulatory science has opened. **Applications are due October 22, 2021**. Please see the request for applications [here](#).

Students interested in a certificate program should review [Policies Governing Participation of BGS Students in Certificate Programs](#). Authorization is required through the form [Authorization to Participate in a Certificate Program](#).

Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Academic Diversity – November 15 Deadline

Email: vpr-pdfellow@pobox.upenn.edu

Application Deadline: November 15

- **Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Academic Diversity at the University of Pennsylvania**

- **Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Fellowships for Academic Diversity**

The Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellowships and CHOP’s Postdoctoral Fellowships are competitive programs intended to increase the diversity of the academic research community at the University of Pennsylvania and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). While the Penn and CHOP programs have a common application form, they are independently funded and have separate review processes. Learn more here: <https://research.upenn.edu/postdocs-and-students/penn-provosts-postdoctoral-fellowships/>

2021 Penn Healthcare Case Competition

Applications open **October 6th!** More information can be found [here on our website](#).

Are you a life scientist interested in consulting, business, or entrepreneurship? Do you wonder how game changing decisions are made about our innovative discoveries once they leave the lab? Penn Biotech Group (PBG) and Penn Graduate Consulting Club (PGCC) will be hosting our second annual Penn Healthcare Case Competition on **November 13, 2021**. This event will provide graduate students and postdocs the exciting opportunity to solve a real-world healthcare problem in teams of 4-6 members, with up to 2 MBA students per team. You will also be able to meet and engage with corporate leaders from top-tier healthcare, biotechnology, consulting, and venture capital firms who will serve as judges. All graduate students and postdocs are welcome to apply. No prior business experience is necessary. Cash prizes will be given to the top three teams, with the first-place team receiving \$4,000!

Please submit the [Interest & Networking Coffee Chat Registration Form](#), if you are interested in participating. Registering for our Coffee Chat sessions gives you the opportunity to meet other participants who are looking for team members. We will then contact you with more details regarding the Case Competition.

If you have any questions, please contact us at pennhealthcarecc2021@gmail.com.

Career Development Resources for BGS Students

BGS maintains a number of career development resources, including a career blog and calendar of events, career path videos featuring alumni, and more. See [this page](#) for a summary of resources within BGS and across Penn’s campus.

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

Application Due Date: 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>

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](#).

Job Openings

- [Benchspace September 2021 Job Opportunities](#)
- [Postdoc Position – Selkoe Lab at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School](#)
- [Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Career Opportunities](#)
- [Gordian – Ex vivo scientist](#)
- [Investigator Position at GSK](#)
- [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

PSPDG Workshop, "Spot the Gerrymander: An Introduction to Redistricting w/ Draw the Lines PA"

October 4th, 1:30 – 3 PM

[Register here](#)

The Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group is excited to host a workshop about how grad students can get involved in the effort to stop gerrymandering!

With the release of the 2020 census data, states are now in the complicated yet hugely important process of drawing maps for new congressional and state legislative districts. If you're curious about how these maps are drawn, you're not alone! We will be hosting Justin Villere of Draw the Lines PA (<https://drawthelinespa.org/>) for a workshop covering the basics of analyzing district maps. We will cover how redistricting works, look at some open source mapping software, cover the quantitative criteria used to evaluate maps, and finally go over how you can engage in advocacy in this process. The workshop will be on October 4th from 1:30 to 3PM with both in-person and remote attendance options. Snacks and Coffee from Federal Donuts will also be provided outdoors after the workshop.

If you plan on attending, please register [here](#).

(NEW) – BGSA General Assembly Meeting on Oct 5

Join BGSA for our October general assembly meeting! Code for pickup order from Yiro Yiro in University City will be announced at the meeting.

Date: October 5, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: <https://pennteam.zoom.us/j/98126785845>

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BGSA Logo Competition
Submissions due October 16th
[See flyer here](#)

Are you feeling artsy, creative, or tired of work and can spare an hour or two? BGSA is in need of a new logo, and we are holding a logo competition! Other than requiring a minimum resolution of 300 dpi, the only guidelines are those laid out under "Logo Guidelines" at <https://home.vpul.upenn.edu/student-brand-guidelines/> by Penn. Please send submissions to bgsa.operations@gmail.com by October 16th for a chance to win a Wacom Intuos drawing tablet!

(NEW) – Join LTBGS for the Annual Philly AIDS Walk

Attention all! LTBGS is joining the Center for AIDS Research here at Penn for the annual Philly AIDS Walk on Sunday, October 17th! Register to walk with us this year at <https://www.aidswalkphilly.org/about/participate>

Directions for Registering:

- Choose "REGISTER" at the top right bar of options
- Go thru the registration process
- Enter #6442 in the Team Number section (the first box of the two)
- Finish registration!

If you do plan on joining us, please email our President, Danny Morris at Daniel.morris@pennteam.upenn.edu so we can count on you making it!

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