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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

THANK YOU to the many continuing students who helped make New Student Orientation a success!

Adam Ziada	Daniel Morris	Kahealani Uehara	Nina Montoya
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Adriana Santiago-Ruiz	Elana Pyfrom	Kapish Gupta	Patty Colosi
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Alex Indeglia	Elizabeth Burton	Karen Wong	Prioty Ferheen Sarwar
Andrea Andress	Eric Waite	Kate Palozola	Reyna García Sillas
Andrew Marques	Erin Purvis	Kimberly Edwards	Rina Kim
Ariel Hippen	Franklin Staback Rodríguez	Kimberly Veliz	Robin Bailey
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Bernadette D'Alonzo	Giselle Lopez	Laura Pinheiro	Seble Negatu
Brandon Anderson	Grace Li	Laura Romano	Shuk Hang (Grace) Li
Bruk Goshu	Hannah Kolev	Lindsey Fernandez	Sonia Lombroso
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Cameron Thompson	Jailynn Harke	Maria F. Carrera	Stephen Carro
Catherine Ubri	Janice Reynaga	Marisa Egan	Timothy Cater
Charlie Bond	Jean Etersque	Matt Tracey	Yohaniz Ortega-Burgos
Christine Jiang	Jenea Adams	Maya Hale	Zarin Tabassum
Christopher Pai	Jeremy Rubin	Michelle Cully	Zeenat Diwan
Courtney Marshall	Julia Ferrante	Mike Murphy	Zoey Miller
Daniel Aldridge	Julie Merchant	Nicole Robles-Matos	

Biotech Commons Opening 9/20

Penn Libraries are planning to open the Biotech Commons –formerly the Biomedical Library– on Monday, Sept 20 at 9am. The regular hours of operations for this dazzling, newly renovated space, are being finalized and we expect to share them with you next week.
When we open, these will be the food policies:
1. Snacks are permitted but NOT meals or messy, aromatic foods (e.g., hoagies, pizza, salads, soup)
2. Beverages in spill-proof containers are permitted.
For more information on the Biotech Commons, visit: https://www.library.upenn.edu/biotech-commons

Your library Liaison:
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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

PhD Grants for Family/Dependent Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, and Other Insurance Information

Family/Dependent Health Insurance: Beginning today, you will be able to apply for grants to help offset the cost of family or dependent insurance. The grants are offered by the Office of the University Provost and administered through the Family Resource Center. The deadline to apply is September 23, 2021. More information is available at https://familycenter.upenn.edu/grants; contact Jessica Bolker (jessal@upenn.edu) with any questions.

Dental Insurance: Students who enroll in the Penn Dental Student Plan by September 23, 2021, will automatically receive a 50% reimbursement from the University; beginning this year, BGS will reimburse the remaining 50%. Because this is a reimbursement and not a subsidy, you are responsible for paying the full cost as well as any fees accrued due to late payment. Reimbursements will come in two installments (one from the University and one from BGS) and will not be issued until after the enrollment deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne-Cara Apple.

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.**

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-ImKfg7ic5niiE1u3ksyI5g

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

Voter Registration Deadlines

In order to vote in a state or federal election, it's imperative to register to vote beforehand. National Voter Registration day is Tuesday, September 28, but registration deadlines vary from state to state. To learn more about your state-specific deadlines, please visit Voter Registration Deadlines. To register to vote now and/or request a mail-in ballot, text "Vote Penn" to 34444 or visit https://vot-er.org/PENN/.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(NEW) - IDEAL Research x NIH Hosts: Becoming a Resilient Scientist Series

Together with the National Institutes of Health, IDEAL Research is presenting "Becoming a Resilient Scientist" series that is open to all current Ph.D. students and post-docs in BGS. Navigating school, the career exploration process, research environments, and the stress of life can seem overwhelming and lead us to doubt ourselves just when we need confidence the most. The goal of this series is to help you develop the resilience you need to navigate challenging situations in school, work, and life. The series will consist of five webinars, each followed by a small group discussion the following week. The webinars will highlight emotional intelligence competencies needed for academic success and for thriving in research and healthcare careers. We will discuss the cultivation of skills to help you realize resilience and identify and deal with obstacles that get in your way.
The time commitment for participants is approximately 2.5 hours per session (1.5 hours to watch the webinar live or asynchronously plus 1 hour for small group discussions). The webinar sessions are offered live the Thursday before the group discussions and can also be watched asynchronously. The group discussions in the series are below. Participants are expected to commit to the entirety of the series.

- **Monday, September 27 – 1PM-2PM** - An Introduction to Resilience and Wellness
- **Monday, October 11 – 1PM-2PM** - Exploring our Self-Talk: Cognitive Distortions and Imposter Fears
- **Monday, October 25 – 1PM-2PM** - Self-Advocacy and Assertiveness for Scientists
- **Monday, November 8 – 1PM-2PM** - Developing Feedback Resilience
- **Monday, November 22 – 1PM-2PM** - Managing Up to Maximize Mentoring Relationships

Sign Up by 9/24: https://upenn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zu2YqERfDZDdNc
If you have any questions, please reach out to Lisa Lim (lisa.lim@pennmedicine.upenn.edu).

Virtual Cores Day Registration Now Open!

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for Virtual Cores Day on **September 30th, 2021!**
Held from 10am-2pm, the annual Cores Day event is a joint venture with CHOP, PSOM and Wistar, a platform effort to showcase the many outstanding biomedical research resources and services available throughout our campus. This event is an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to interface with a multitude of research core facilities via informational presentations and live chats.

New this year, our event will be held via the PheedLoop event management platform, with an aim to enrich and enhance the Cores Day experience for participants and attendees.

Please click here for free registration, and be sure to check out the Cores Day website for event updates.
We hope to see you on Thursday, September 30th!
Please send any questions to April Weakley (aweakley@pennmedicine.upenn.edu).

(NEW) – PennDemic 4

What happens if an uncommon disease all of a sudden becomes much more common in the Philadelphia area? How do we respond? How do we communicate this to the public? What happens when you lose the public's trust?

PennDemic is an annual interprofessional education (IPE) simulation that invites students from across both UPenn and USciences who are interested in learning more about disaster and emergency preparedness to participate. PennDemic brings teams of students together to address issues that could arise during an emergency situation.

Details for this year's event can be found below:

What: PennDemic
Where: Virtual Event via Zoom
When: Saturday, October 9th, 2021, 1-5 pm

Applications are due September 24th, and the application and more details can be found at the following website: www.vet.upenn.edu/penndemic. Contact Dr. Hillary Nelson (hnelson@pennmedicine.upenn.edu) with any questions.

Save the Date: 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

Sep. 14, 3 PM (BlueJeans): **Tammy Ying (CAMB), "The role of Interleukin-4 receptor signaling in neonatal adipocyte precursors."** Contact Meagan Schofer.

Sep. 15, 12 PM (JMB Class of '62 or Zoom): **Adeeti Aggarwal (NGG), "Visual evoked feedforward-feedback travelling waves organize neural activity across the cortex in mice."** Contact Keyana Moody.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Sep. 15, 2 – 4 PM (9-104 Smilow Center or a Virtual Meeting via BlueJeans): **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler's Virtual Office Hours.** Please sign up on the Google Sheet below if you would like to schedule an in-person or virtual meeting with Dan during his office hours.

Sep. 15, 3 – 5 PM: **MVP Faculty Chalk Talks.** Contact [Anna Kline](#)

Sep. 16, 3 – 4:30 PM: **CBP Talks.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#)

Sep. 16, 1:45 – 3:15 PM: **Orientation: CAMB Faculty Mini Talks.** Contact [Christina Strathearn](#)

Sep. 17, 12 – 1 PM: **MVP Student Discussion.** Contact [Anna Kline](#)

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Events this Week

- **NIH OITE Virtual Events**
  - [Academic Job Search: Applying for Faculty Positions](#) Sep 13, 2021 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
  - [Workplace Dynamics I: Gaining Self-awareness and Communication Skills](#) Sep 17, 2021 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
  - [Choosing and Applying to Medical School](#), Sep 17, 2021 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

- **Penn 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Virtual Information Sessions**
  - Tuesday, September 14, 3:00-4:00 PM
  - Wednesday, September 15, 2:00-3:00 PM
  - Thursday, September 23, 9:00-10:00 AM
  Explaining your research quickly and clearly is a great skill to have during networking, interviews, and unexpected social situations. The Penn 3MT competition this year will give you that experience and more! Come to one of our virtual information sessions to learn more and hear from past Penn 3MT winners! Register at [gsc.upenn.edu/events](#).

- Sep. 16, 1 PM: **Crystal Pharmatech Webinar Series**. Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- Sep. 21, 5-6:15 PM ([Register](#)): **CTL Workshop, "The Academic Tightrope: Balancing Teaching, Mentoring, and Research in STEM Fields."** Learn more [here](#).

- Oct. 6, 5-6:30 PM ([Register](#)): **CTL Workshop, "Preparing Students for Midterms and Exams in STEM Fields."** Learn more [here](#).

- Oct. 7, 12 – 5 PM: Save the Date: The virtual **Biosciences & Research Career Fair** hosted by Penn Career Services will take place **Thursday, October 7, 2021 from 12 – 5 PM**. Registration information coming soon.

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(NEW) - Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering (CASE) Workshop

The AAAS Office of Government Relations is pleased to announce the 2021 Virtual Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering (CASE) Workshop, which will take place **September 23-24**. As the Workshop is virtual, registration is FREE and open to all STEM undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdocs. The CASE Workshop is an exciting opportunity to learn from science policy and advocacy experts about the role of science in policymaking and the federal policy-making process.

Register: https://aaas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ntMnPu6KQZiidOGO4NjXiw
Learn more: https://www.aaas.org/programs/catalyzing-advocacy-in-science-and-engineering

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2021 PBG Pro bono Consulting Projects are open for registration!

Team Member application deadline is at 11:59PM on Sunday, September 17th, 2021. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

Fall 2021 project list can be found [here](#).

Apply [here](#)!

(NEW) - [PCI] Penn I-Corps Program: Fall 2021
Application Deadline: September 28

Applications are currently being accepted for the upcoming Fall Penn I-Corps course (starting October 15). The final deadline is **September 28**.
Learn more here: https://pci.upenn.edu/icorps/
Use this link to sign-up for an upcoming I-Corps Information session.

The I-Corps team is also happy to come to talk at your events, lab meetings, and to individual researchers. For more information, please email tomas@upenn.edu or pbertone@seas.upenn.edu.

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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!
Applications open **October 6th**! More information can be found here on our website.

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.

(NEW) – Benchspace September 2021 Biology Job Opportunities

Job postings: https://gotbenchspace.com/candidate-job-list/?mc_cid=5b31810524&mc_eid=e8a62e167b
Subscribe to the Benchspace newsletter: https://gotbenchspace.com/newsletter-for-candidate/

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.

Google Fellowship Call for Applications

Penn has been invited to submit 2-4 nominees for the Google PhD Fellowship Program. See the full call for applications here.

Deadlines:
Internal Competition Deadline: September 16, 2021, at 11:59 PM ET
Internal Competition Winners notified: September 24, 2021
Provost's Office submits 4 nominees: September 30, 2021

(NEW) - Ohio State College of Medicine Virtual Postdoc Recruiting Event
Application Deadline: September 30, 2021

The Office of Postdoctoral Research at The Ohio State University College of Medicine is excited to announce a **Virtual 2021 Autumn Postdoctoral Recruitment Event on October 25**! Interviews will occur October 26-29.
This event will provide an excellent opportunity for outstanding postdocs and PhD students from leading graduate programs to meet our research faculty, interview for open postdoctoral positions, and discover the exciting and innovative research taking place at The Ohio State University and the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH).

Application for this event is open to postdocs or senior graduate students who have completed or expect to complete their PhD by December 2021. See the full announcement here.

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

- **Leal Therapeutics hiring Scientist**
- **Scientific Editor, Cell Metabolism**
- **Virtual Postdoc Recruiting Open House**
- **Analysis Group – Associate-Health Care position**
- **7 week teaching experience at Haverford**
- **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

(NEW) - **PGWISE General Assembly Meeting, 9/15 at 5 PM**
See flyer here

Please join us for PGWISE's first assembly meeting of the 2021-2022 school year!
Come learn about our events, academic and social plans for the upcoming year, and swing by for a PGWISE tote bag.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 15th at 5 PM in the Johnson Foundation Library in the Anatomy-Chemistry Building.
We look forward to seeing you there!
-Your PGWISE E-Board

Bonus link: Please fill out this survey and tell us what you'd like to see more of from PGWISE this year! https://forms.gle/SMLfGVqBoLtt4QZg6

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