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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](#).

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### **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  
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LIBRARIES  
Philadelphia, PA – [Lenapehoking](#)  
215-746-2459  
[@MDelaCG](#)  
[orcid.org/0000-0001-8796-941X](https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8796-941X)

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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>

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### **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](https://join.slack.com/t/upennbgs/shared_invite/zt-99ajnayf-ImKfg7ic5niiE1u3ksyl5g)

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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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### **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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### **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://voter.org/PENN/>.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **(NEW) – Fall Wellness Programs & Flu Clinic**

Please see details below for Campus Health's upcoming Fall Wellness Programs, including the Flu Clinic taking place 10/4 – 10/8.

1. **Penn's Declassified Sex Survival Guide:** an email-delivered sexual health program, beginning 9/22. [SIGN UP HERE!](#)
  2. **Refresh:** an email-delivered sleep hygiene program, beginning 9/26. [SIGN UP HERE!](#)
  3. **Flu Clinic:** annual mass vaccination clinic, taking place 10/4-10/8 in Gimbel Gym. More details [here](#).
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### **Virtual Cores Day Registration Now Open!**

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for Virtual Cores Day on **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup>!

Please send any questions to April Weakley ([aweakley@penmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:aweakley@penmedicine.upenn.edu)).

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### **Save the Date: Wikipedia Edit-a-thon**

**Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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### **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. 29, 12 PM (Gaulton Auditorium, BRB or via [BlueJeans](#)): **Joshua Parris (CAMB), "Contribution of the tumor microenvironment to the efficacy of cancer therapy."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CAMB**

Sep. 27, 5 – 6 PM: **GTV Chalk Talks**. Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Sep. 29, 2 – 4 PM (9-104 Smilow Center or a Virtual Meeting via BlueJeans): **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler's Virtual Office Hours**. Contact [Dan Kessler](#). Please sign up on the [Google Sheet](#) if you would like to schedule an in-person or virtual meeting with Dan during his office hours.

Sep. 29, 3 – 5 PM: **MVP Faculty Talks**. Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Sep. 30, 1:45 – 3:15 PM: **Orientation: CAMB Faculty Mini Talks.** Contact [Christina Strathearn](#).

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

Oct 1, 12 – 1 PM: **DSRB Research Talks,** Contact [Meagan Schofer](#).

Oct. 4, 5 – 6 PM: **GTV Chalk Talks.** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

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# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## Events this Week

- Sep. 28, 12 PM ([Register](#)): **PSPDG Science Communication Workshop #1: Presentation Skills.** PSPDG presents the 2021-2022 Science Communication Workshop Series, designed to educate the scientific community on how to communicate their work to all audiences. The first workshop will be delivered by students in the Engineering Ambassadors Program at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.
  - To receive updates about future workshops, sign up via the link in the [attached flyer](#) and [join the SciComm Workshop Slack!](#)
  - More info can also be found on our website: <https://pennsciencepolicy.squarespace.com/workshop-series>.
- Sep. 30, 3:30 PM ([Register](#)): **NIH OITE, Careers in Big Data/Data Science/Bioinformatics.**

## Upcoming Events

- 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: The virtual **Biosciences & Research Career Fair** hosted by Penn Career Services will take place **Thursday, October 7, 2021 from 12 – 5 PM.** Registration opens 9/29/2021: [https://upenn.joinhandshake.com/career\\_fairs/24264](https://upenn.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/24264).

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

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**[PCI] Penn I-Corps Program: Fall 2021**  
**Application Deadline: September 28**

Do you have an idea for a startup in STEM? 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](mailto:tomas@upenn.edu) or [pbertone@seas.upenn.edu](mailto:pbertone@seas.upenn.edu).

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**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](#).

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### **Postdoctoral Research Opportunities in Science (PROS) – Apply by Oct 20<sup>th</sup>**

[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](#).

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### **ITMAT Education Request for Applications Due Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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](#).

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

Email: [vpr-pdfellow@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto: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/>

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### **2021 Penn Healthcare Case Competition**

**Save the date!**

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!

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](mailto:pennhealthcarecc2021@gmail.com).

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### **Benchspace September 2021 Biology Job Opportunities**

Job postings: [https://gotbenchspace.com/candidate-job-list/?mc\\_cid=5b31810524&mc\\_eid=e8a62e167b](https://gotbenchspace.com/candidate-job-list/?mc_cid=5b31810524&mc_eid=e8a62e167b)

Subscribe to the Benchspace newsletter: <https://gotbenchspace.com/newsletter-for-candidate/>

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### **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.

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### **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>

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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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## Job Openings

- **(NEW)** - [Postdoc Position – Selkoe Lab at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School](#)
- **(NEW)** - [Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Career Opportunities](#)
- **(NEW)** - [Gordian – Ex vivo scientist](#)
- [Investigator Position at GSK](#)
- [Penn Medicine basic science communications position](#)
- [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](#)

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# STUDENT GROUP EVENTS/RESOURCES

**(NEW) – PSPDG Workshop, “Spot the Gerrymander: An Introduction to Redistricting w/ Draw the Lines PA”**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](#).

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**(NEW) - 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](mailto:bgsa.operations@gmail.com) by October 16th for a chance to win a Wacom Intuos drawing tablet!

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The first workshop on presentation skills is **Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at noon!** This workshop will be delivered by students in the Engineering Ambassadors Program at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Sign up for the first workshop here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/science-communication-workshop-1-presentation-skills-tickets-173152161777>

People who want to receive updates for our workshops can sign up via the link in the [attached flyer](#) and also [join the SciComm Workshop Slack](#)!

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