ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prism & MATLAB Licenses
BGS students may obtain one year licenses for Prism AND MATLAB free of charge. Sign-up forms for each are below. Note that **FORMS ARE DUE by MARCH 18th**.

1) PRISM LICENSES
These are arranged through BGS. The new license year begins May 1st. **Please note that even if you already have a Prism license you need to sign up again.** You will not need to install the software again but when prompted you will need the new serial number to extend your license for another year.
If you are interested in obtaining a Prism license, please complete this Google form: https://goo.gl/forms/JZhSRccqMFYBEI852

2) MATLAB LICENSES
These are arranged through Penn Computer Connection, but they have asked that we collect info. on the number of interested students so that they can prepare enough installation instruction packets. They will authenticate your license using your PennCard. After you sign up for MATLAB, you will receive an email when your installation instructions are ready for pick-up.
If you are interested in obtaining a MATLAB license, please complete this Google form: https://goo.gl/forms/MJEVkVXKNnnM3RnC2

2019 Models of Excellence – Congratulations to Christine Clay!
Congratulations to Christine Clay, recipient of the 2019 Models of Excellence Program Award! In her role as the coordinator in the Neuroscience Graduate Group (NGG), Christine has made a meaningful impact on the admissions and recruiting efforts, increasing the quantity and quality of the students. See the full list of honorees here.

Save the Date - 2019 Symposium on High-throughput Screening Technologies

We are pleased to announce the 2019 Symposium on High-throughput Screening Technologies at Penn will take place in the **Biomedical Research Building (BRB) Gaulton Auditorium** on:

Thursday, June 27th from 9 am to 2:30 pm

Join us to learn about high-throughput screening projects and platforms available at Penn and how high-throughput screening can be used in basic and translational medicine.
This event is open to all faculty, postdocs, graduate students, and lab staff. Please keep an eye out for an email containing registration and program details. Hope to see you there!

Research Science Courses for Graduate Students and Beyond
MDI Biological Laboratory offers outstanding research science courses, many of which are appropriate for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, as well as career scientists. See all of the MDI Biological Laboratory Education Programs here. BGS can provide up to $1500 to support students participating in off-site courses. Find more information and access the BGS Course Fund Request Form here.

ORCID Community Survey
ORCID is conducting a community survey – please take a few moments to share your understanding and perceptions of ORCID and your experience of using your ID.

CAMB
Feb. 28, 12 – 1 PM: **GTV Trainee Seminar: Sangya Agarwal (June lab) and Maxwell Chappell (Rivella lab) presenting**. Contact Anna Kline.

Feb. 28, 12 – 1 PM (4054 Colket): **CAMB Vice Chair Craig Bassing Office Hours**. Contact Craig Bassing.

Mar. 1, 12 – 1:30 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Christopher Pai (Heuckeroth lab) and Ana Petracovici (Bonasio lab) presenting**. Contact Christina Strathearn.

Mar. 1, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress Seminar: Olivia Farrelly (Rompolas lab) and Danielle Murashige (Arany lab) presenting.** Contact Kathy O'Connor-Cooley.

Mar. 1, 4 – 5 PM: **G&E FFF Happy Hour.** Contact Kathy O'Connor-Cooley.

NGG

- Friendly reminder to fill out your [NeuroNet profile](#) if you haven't already! It's a great way to find people who have experience with the same fellowships, certificates, classes, or journal clubs you're interested in!

- NGG GRiPPs: **Sign up to give a 20 min presentation on your current research progress [here](#)** (NGG 3rd years and above)

Thesis Defenses

Feb. 25, 3:30 – 4:30 PM (CRB Austrian Auditorium): **Vanessa Muñoz (CAMB), "Surface polysaccharides promote innate immune evasion by pediatric pathogen** *Kingella kingae."* Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Mar. 1, 2 – 3 PM (JMEC Law Auditorium): **Camille Syrett (CAMB), "A novel requirement for Xist-RNA mediated X chromosome inactivation maintenance in female-based autoimmunity."** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Mar. 1, 2 PM (Arthur Rubenstein Auditorium, Smilow): **Samuel Wein (BMB), "Mass spectrometry: An ideal method for RNA modification analysis."**

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Clarion Consultancy: PROPEL 2019
Clarion, a Boston-based life sciences strategy consulting firm, will hold its 2019 leadership training program for current advanced degree candidates on Wednesday, June 12th – Friday, June 14th, 2019.
PROPEL is a 3-day summer program to give an insight into life science strategy consulting with Clarion.
It is open to the following candidates:
- PhD candidates (completing program in Spring 2020)
- Post-doctoral researchers
- MD candidates (completing program in Spring 2020)
- MD residents and fellows

Candidates must have expertise in disciplines related to life sciences, medicine, or other areas of quantitative research. **To apply for the program and for more information, please see the attached [flyer](#) or visit the [PROPEL website](#).**
The application deadline is **Sunday, March 31st, 2019 at 11:59 PM ET**

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Feb. 27, 12 - 2 PM (Stemmler Hall, Room 105): **Walk-In Wednesdays with Career Services.** Stop by to have your resume/CV reviewed, prep for interviews, and get networking and career advice! Flyer here.

Feb. 27, 4 – 5:30 PM (Smilow 12-146AB): **BGS Professional Skills Series, "Inclusion and Diversity: Perspectives from Business"** led by **Dr. Laura Roberts**, Teaching Professor of Management, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University. This event is co-hosted by SACNAS and EE Just. **Register here!**

Feb. 28, 2 – 3 PM (Collaborative Classroom, RM 113, Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center: Weigle Information Commons): **Data Visualization: Tips and Good Practices.** Join Penn Libraries for an overview of the 'What' and the 'Why' questions around visualizing data. This workshop will review guidelines for good practices and apply them in critiquing visualizations. In addition, participants will create their own data visualization for a dataset within a group setting. RSVP here.

FUTURE EVENTS

March (Details TBD): **BGS Professional Skills Series, "Philanthropy & Fundraising"** led by **Torren Blair**, Senior Director of Development, Basic Science and Translational Science Programs.

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Wellness at Penn: Your Big Idea Challenge
Deadline: March 1st 2019
The Wellness at Penn initiative affirms wellness as a core priority and necessary driver of life on campus. A key aim of the initiative is to provide avenues of dialogue and collaboration for the wide range of partners advancing wellness on campus.
They are looking for creative ideas for services, programs, amenities, and resources to strengthen Penn wellness. Proposals that cross departments and Schools are strongly encouraged. Submissions

from teams that include students, faculty, and/or staff are also a plus. What are you waiting for? Submit your big idea today!

Community Impact Fund (Deadline: Rolling)
The Provost's Office has dedicated funds to support graduate student initiatives and activities that build a community of mutual respect and intercultural understanding on campus. In particular, the fund supports graduate student-driven activities that address racial, cultural, or gender-based bias. For more details and to apply, click here.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Feb. 26, 12 PM (Blockley 701): **SACNAS: A beginner's guide to Adobe Illustrator.** Join SACNAS for an Adobe Illustrator workshop to learn basic tools that you can apply when making figures for posters and articles. More info here.

Feb. 27, 12 – 1:20 PM (Grad Student Center, RM 305): **Handling the Stress of the Dissertation for Students of Color.** Join the Graduate Student Center for the Handling the Stress of the Dissertation Workshop, specifically addressing the experiences of people of color. Dr. Julien Almonte from CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) will speak, followed by a discussion. Lunch will be provided. Register here.

Feb. 28, 5 PM (BRB 1101): **DSRB Journal Club.** Open to all BGS students!

Feb. 28, 5:30 PM (CRB 302): **February BGS Game Night**. Pizza and drinks provided. Bring yourselves, bring your games, bring your competitive side!

FUTURE EVENTS

Mar. 13, 10 AM (SCTR 9-146): **SACNAS Science Café** featuring guest speakers Antonia Bass (CAMB) and Kiara Berrios (BMB). Bagels and café will be provided! Flyer here.

For information about upcoming events or to advertise in next week's bulletin, contact Rebecca Lopez.