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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **"Let's Talk" Weekly Drop-In Sessions (New CAPS Initiative)**

Let's Talk provides opportunities for students to engage in informal consultations with a CAPS clinician, Dr. Yacob Tekie, at different locations on campus, including the Graduate Student Center, ARCH, Greenfield Intercultural Center, the LGBT Center, and Van Pelt Library. This is a great way for students to gain insight, support, and to explore solutions and resources. For more information, [see the attached poster](#) or go to <https://www.vpul.upenn.edu/caps/letstalk>.

If you have questions, please email Yacob Tekie at [tekie@upenn.edu](mailto:tekie@upenn.edu).

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## Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences

To support your professional and career development, the Perelman School of Medicine will sponsor interested students, postdocs, faculty and staff for **complimentary 1-year Membership** to one of the oldest and most prestigious scientific organizations in the United States, the [New York Academy of Sciences](#).

### [TO REQUEST A SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP, SIGN UP HERE](#)

As an Academy Member, you'll benefit from free/discounted access to:

**Cutting Edge Content:** [publications](#), [eBriefings](#), and [webinars](#) featuring the latest research presented at the New York Academy of Sciences

**Career Readiness Training:** online courses, webinars and other [career resources](#) to help you acquire the skills needed to succeed in a STEM-related field

**Networking & Resume Building:** opportunities to [present your research](#), apply for Travel Fellowships, qualify for intensive leadership training, or [request a mentor](#)

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## ITMAT Education – TL1/T32 Slots Available for Certificate in Translational, Regulatory, or Entrepreneurial Science

Deadline: October 25, 2019

ITMAT Education's Certificate in Translational Science, Entrepreneurial Science, and Regulatory Science provides PhD students with training to build upon their scientific expertise to understand approaches to translate early discoveries and preclinical investigations into therapeutics. This program is designed for PhD students who wish to pursue careers in academia, the pharmaceutical & biotechnology industry, consulting and legal industries, and federal agencies.

The certificate includes a one-year engagement in a research project (a new research project or as an additional aim to research currently being conducted) and four courses. TL1 appointees will receive one year of funding including a stipend per NIH policy and tuition funding to cover the cost of the certificate.

<http://www.itmat.upenn.edu/certificate/>

Contact Rachel McGarrigle, MEd, [rmcg@upenn.edu](mailto:rmcg@upenn.edu) or Emma Meagher, MD, [emma@upenn.edu](mailto:emma@upenn.edu) to learn more.

**Please note** – 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.' [Both forms are available here.](#)

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## Postdoctoral Fellowships for Academic Diversity

The Postdoctoral Fellowships for Academic Diversity are competitive programs intended to increase the diversity of the academic research community at the University of Pennsylvania and The 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.

Both organizations seek to attract promising researchers and educators from different backgrounds, races, ethnic groups, and other diverse populations whose life experiences, research experiences and employment backgrounds will contribute significantly to their academic missions.

Fellowships are available for postdoctoral training in all areas of study at either Penn or CHOP. STEM applications are encouraged. Successful candidates will receive mentored scholarly and research training as well as courses and workshops to enhance their research success skills and prepare them for a faculty position in a major university.

Apply now for the Penn Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship. The deadline is **November 01, 2019 at 5pm**. More information on eligibility and the application process is available [here](#).

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## BGS Winter Coat Drive

The BGS Winter Coat Drive will last 2 weeks, from Oct 7 to Oct 18. There will be 3 collection boxes (in the Smilow, Johnson Pavilion and BRB lobbies) accepting coats and jackets, old and new, in good condition. Donations will go to Project HOME for distribution to the homeless. For more information, contact Andrea Guzman ([guzma@penncmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:guzma@penncmedicine.upenn.edu)). See flyer [here](#).

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## Annual Flu Clinic

**Wednesday, October 16 - Friday, October 18**  
**Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall**

Stop by Penn's annual Flu Clinics this October. Flu shots are FREE for all students, faculty, postdocs, and staff. No registration is required; all you need is your PennCard. [See flyer for details](#).

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Chemistry-Biology Interface Fall Symposium

The Fellows of the Chemistry-Biology Interface Training Grant would like to invite you to join us for our **2019 Chemistry-Biology Interface Fall Symposium on Friday, November 15th, in the Lynch Auditorium (Chemistry Building)**. The symposium will take place from 9:30am - 5:00pm, and will include breakfast, lunch, and a reception during the afternoon poster session. The poster session will be held in Nobel Hall. We are currently accepting abstract submissions for short (20 min) oral presentations as well as poster presentations from graduate students and postdocs. Talks and posters may cover any topic within Chemistry and Biology.

Our keynote speakers this year are **Amy Palmer** from CU Boulder, **Eranthie Weerapana** from Boston College, and **Nevan Krogan** from UCSF.

See flyer [here](#). **Please register using the following link:** <https://forms.gle/3XeQXQkeWcAZ3eQa9>.

You can visit our CBI website (<https://www.med.upenn.edu/cbit32/>) for information on past symposia. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Best,  
The CBI Planning Committee

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### **PennDemic 2019 coming November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Apply by Oct 7<sup>th</sup>!**

Are you interested in disaster preparedness and response? Would you like to explore the field while gaining valuable interprofessional teamwork skills?

Following the successful launch of "PennDemic: An Interprofessional Outbreak Simulation" last year, we are excited to announce "PennDemic 2019: Hurricane Penelope".

This event is sure to be a fun and valuable educational experience. We will learn about the response to natural disasters across the fields of study at the University of Pennsylvania and University of Sciences. We will attempt to answer the question "What if a hurricane of unprecedented strength hit an urban area (City of Philadelphia) and a rural area (Lancaster County)?"

For more information, including a video from last year's event and a link to the application: <https://www.vet.upenn.edu/about/penn-vet-events-calendar/penndemic-2019>

The event will occur all day on **November 9th, 2019**. Applications are due **Oct 7th!**

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Hillary Nelson ([hnelson@penndemic.upenn.edu](mailto:hnelson@penndemic.upenn.edu)), one of the PennDemic organizers.

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## ITMAT 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Symposium

The ITMAT 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Symposium will take place **October 14-15** (agenda [here](#)).

### Students and Postdocs — In Person Attendance: [register now](#)

- *Students and Postdocs are encouraged and welcome to attend the Symposium. Registration is free for the meeting portions. **Pre-registration is required for any student/postdoc who would like to attend and enjoy the breakfast and lunch events.** We will accept on-site registrations for the meetings only. On-site registrants will not be issued a name tag which will be required for the meals.*
- *Dinner at the College of Physicians, Monday evening October 14: Students and Postdocs are invited to attend. The fee for attending the dinner is \$25. Please note that we can only accommodate a limited number of students and postdocs at this event. You will be notified if you are confirmed or wait listed.*
- *Student and Postdoc Volunteers: We encourage you to volunteer to help with Q&A sessions. Please email [MaryAnne Panella](#) to volunteer for a morning or afternoon session on either Day 1 or Day 2. Volunteers will be given priority on the list if they wish to attend the dinner at the College of Physicians.*

**Webstream:** [register now](#)

**For inquiries please contact:** [mreagan@upenn.edu](mailto:mreagan@upenn.edu)

## THESIS DEFENSES

Oct. 8, 10 AM (Austrian Auditorium, CRB): **Jane Schulte (BMB)**, “Functional analysis of a bacterial phosphohistidine phosphatase.” Contact [Kelli McKenna](#).

Oct. 8, 1 PM (Law Auditorium, JMEC): **Michael Werner (IGG)**, “Comparative structure-function analysis of the BET epigenetic reader family.” Contact [Mary Taylor](#).

Oct. 11, 1 PM (Smilow 9-146): **Isabelle Lee (PGG)**, “The Role of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) Metabolites in Endometrial Cancer.” Contact [Sarah Squire](#).

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CAMB**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The CAMB Graduate Group Annual Symposium is October 11th from 8am-6pm.

Please visit the [2019 CAMB Symposium website](#) for more details.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Oct. 10, 1:30 – 3 PM: **Orientation: Sexual Violence Prevention Workshop.** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Oct. 10, 4:30 – 6:30 PM: **CPM Happy Hour.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Oct. 11, 8 AM – 6 PM: **22nd Annual CAMB Symposium.** Contact [Anna Kline](#). More details [here](#).

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## NGG

### ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Please add to your calendar that the SFN Social will be **Monday, October 21 from 9-11pm**. Please sign up in this [link](#).
- **New!** Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article [Sing me a song](#) by Greer Prettyman. Social learning, or learning by observing and copying others around us, is important to many species including humans. By studying how zebra finches learn to sing, scientists are better understanding how the brain learns in social situations.
- Use the new GFAP form from now on when making purchases. If you run into problems using the form, or if something is confusing, please email the executive board at [ngg.glia@gmail.com](mailto:ngg.glia@gmail.com) so we can address your question and improve the form. The link for the new form is [here](#).

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

10/10 5:30pm - 7pm (Barchi Library) - GLIA General Meeting

10/10 7pm - 7:30pm (Barchi Library) - GLIA Executive Meeting

### FUTURE EVENTS

10/17 3pm - 4pm (BRB Gaulton Auditorium) - Nabil Darwich Thesis Defense

10/18 5.30pm - 6:30pm (Barchi Library) - Syndey Cason

### CALENDARS

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# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## **BioSciences Career Fair Workshop**

**Thursday October 10 at 12-1:30 PM**  
**John Morgan Building**  
**Reunion Auditorium**

Make the most of the upcoming [BioSciences Career Fair](#) (October 24th) where you can network with 60+ employers in many fields including: R&D, biotech/pharma, consulting, science communication, policy, patent law, and teaching.

### **This Career Services workshop will cover essential information on:**

- Putting together a career fair ready resume
- Preparing your introduction for when you chat with employers
- Using Handshake to gather information on employers
- Making a list of relevant questions to ask
- Networking when you are not looking for a job
- What you can do after the fair to help your continued career exploration or follow up on applications

**Food and drinks will be provided for those registered. [Register Here](#)**

For questions contact [bpc.career.committee@gmail.com](mailto:bpc.career.committee@gmail.com)

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## **Save the Date! BioSciences Career Fair 2019**

The BioSciences Career Fair will take place **October 24, 2019 from 1-4 PM** in the **Colket Translational Research Building** (3501 Civic Center Blvd.) The fair is for all STEM Master's/PhD students/alumni and postdocs. There are many benefits that can be gained by students and postdocs at any stage of their program attending this event.

Register and view the employers who will attend: [https://upenn.joinhandshake.com/career\\_fairs/9858](https://upenn.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/9858)

**NEW for 2019 – Resume Books.** Career Services will be creating a resume book that will be sent to all employers prior to the career fair. More info on how to include your resume [here](#).

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**Meet Lindsey Pujanandez, Associate Editor at Science Translational Medicine**

A discussion of emerging science, the editorial process, the role of scientific journals in rigor and reproducibility, and career paths outside of academia. See flyer [here](#).

**October 30th, 10:30AM – 1:30 PM**  
**Barchi Library, 140 John Morgan**  
**Lunch following**

To take full advantage of this opportunity please commit to the full session time. **Since seating is limited, pre-registration is necessary and will be limited to the first 25 students.**

REGISTER:

<https://forms.gle/BgGL3psyFxd1qj8s8>

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Oct. 8 & 9, 5:15 – 6:45 PM (ARCH 110): **Open Labs at Penn.** Are you interested in giving a TED-style talk to high school students during our Fall Science Cafe event? Would you like to mentor high school students and inspire them? Join Open Labs at Penn on Oct. 8th or 9th at 5:15-6:45pm in ARCH 110 over food and soft drinks to pitch your idea about a talk you would like to give. For any questions, contact [pennopenlabs@gmail.com](mailto:pennopenlabs@gmail.com). See flyer [here](#).

Oct. 9, 12-2 PM (Stemmler 105): **Walk-In Wednesdays** with Penn Career Services. [See flyer here.](#)

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### CALENDAR

[Career Development](#)

#### RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

[Penn Career Services - Ph.D./Postdoc Careers Page](#)

[Handshake](#)

## STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Open Labs is a graduate student organization at Penn, with associate chapters at Yale, Princeton, Columbia, and Harvard. Open Labs is the host of Science Café – a series of outreach events for local high school students featuring TED-style talks by graduate student researchers and breakout sessions focused on encouraging students to pursue careers in STEM.

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### **SACNAS Outreach Opportunity**

We are excited to share our chapter's first outreach opportunity for this semester – Science Education Academy (SEA)! SEA is a non-profit STEM program whose aim is to support elementary students with hands-on experience with scientific method and inquiry. <http://scienceeducationacademy.com/about/>

The fall program is focused on Earth Sciences. SEA occurs every Saturday from **October 19th to November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We are looking for volunteers to guide elementary students through organized science activities for at least **TWO** Saturdays, from 9am – 12pm. Additionally, volunteers will need to undergo a Pennsylvania criminal background check before beginning of the session.

SACNAS will provide transportation to and from SEA (51st & Pine) throughout the fall course.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting partnership, please fill out [this google form](#) and we will contact you shortly to get you started on background checks.

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### **About the Community Impact Fund**

The Community Impact Fund provides small grants to support graduate student initiatives and activities that address racial, cultural, or gender-based bias. The goal of the fund is to help foster a community of mutual respect and intercultural understanding on campus, particularly among graduate and professional students. Learn more and apply at [gsc.upenn.edu/impact-fund](http://gsc.upenn.edu/impact-fund).

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### **FUTURE EVENTS**

Oct. 15, 5:30 PM (Location TBA): **PSPDG General Meeting**. Learn about what the Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group does, hear about updates on current projects, and more!

Oct. 25, 5-7 PM (Grad Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Common Room): **Grad Center, Fourth Friday: Trick or Treat!** Take a break to decorate pumpkins, sample fall beers, and enjoy seasonal treats at the Grad Center's Halloween-themed happy hour! Part of the Fourth Fridays @ Five series. Registration is appreciated to help estimate head counts for food and drinks, but is not required. [Register here!](#)

Oct. 31, 5:30 PM (BRB 14<sup>th</sup> Floor): **BGSA Halloween Party!** Join BGSA for Halloween Party on October 31st, 14th Floor BRB. There will be food, drinks, games and costume contest with prizes! See flyer [here](#).

## RESOURCES

Have an IS question, and not sure who to contact? Ask Isaac: Your Personal IS Guru. To learn more, visit the Isaac website: <http://uphsxnet.uphs.upenn.edu/isaac/>

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

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[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

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