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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Grant & Fellowship Opportunities

Upcoming Grant & Fellowships Events

PhD Grant Programs Information Session

Wednesday, September 11, 12:00-1:30 PM

ARCH Building, 3601 Locust Walk, Fireside Lounge (2nd Floor)

The University administers four grant programs for full time PhD students to help offset the cost of childcare and family expenses, and health insurance for dependents, dental insurance, and health insurance for students beyond funding years. Learn more about these grants and speak with representatives of the Office of the Provost, Family Center, and Graduate Center,

who administer the programs. Lunch will be served. Please register in advance at www.gsc.upenn.edu/events

Coffee & Conversation with CURF

Friday, September 13, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Arch Building, Fireside Lounge (2nd Floor)

Don't let the name mislead you - - Penn's Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, or CURF, works with graduate & professional students applying for nationally competitive fellowships!

CURF invites students in all Penn's graduate schools to join us for coffee and conversation about applying for graduate fellowships at Penn. CURF will hold an open forum, complete with coffee, bagels, and assorted spreads. We'll briefly discuss several fellowships that are particularly relevant to grad students (and that require institutional support). We'll then open the conversation to invite questions about fellowship opportunities and the ways CURF and other campus resources can help you identify and apply for these opportunities. Please register at www.gsc.upenn.edu/events

Highlighted Opportunities

The following opportunities are currently accepting applications.

Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings

Deadline for 70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Interdisciplinary Meeting: September 11

Deadline for the 7th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences: October 14

Once every year, around 30-40 Nobel Laureates convene in Lindau to meet the next generation of leading scientists: 600 undergraduates, PhD students, and post-doc researchers from all over the world. Participants need to be below 35 years of age, should have an excellent academic track record and at least one letter of recommendation, need to speak English fluently, and may not have participated before.

Google PhD Fellowship

University Nomination Deadline: November 1

Recognizes outstanding graduate students conducting research in computer science and related fields. Open to current PhD students who will have completed two years and have at least two years remaining in their program in Fall 2020.

Reminder: ORCID Requirement – BGS Needs Your ORCID

An ORCID provides you with a unique identifier that links all your research output (Publications, grants, professional activities), and it is becoming a requirement for manuscript and [grant submissions](#). By making your ORCID public, the graduate program (BGS) can easily track the successes of our students. That makes us better advocates for you to the University Administration, to Granting Agencies, and to our Communities. Learn more and access the form to submit your ORCID to BGS [here](#).

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 or Emma Meagher, MD, 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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Research Tea Talk: Konrad Kording, PIK Professor in Neuroscience

September 10, Tuesday at 3:00, Meyerson Conference Room
Konrad Kording, *PIK Professor in Neuroscience* in the Perelman School of Medicine
and Bioengineering in the School of Engineering

He approaches his research from a collaborative and transdisciplinary perspective. You can find out more about his work and K-Lab [here](#). His projects span from "[policing science](#)," to "[how to write papers](#)," to "[uncertainty in the brain](#)," to [statistics of the real world](#)."

Dr. Kording will be talking about Problems of Science, specifically:

*Image fraud

*Epistemological failures

*Tools failures

* and Replicatability

[Find out more, register or drop in](#)

MINS Year of Brain Science Technology Symposium

On behalf of the Mahoney Institute for Neurosciences at the University of Pennsylvania, we would like to invite you to attend our student-led symposium for the **Year of Brain Science Technology**, highlighting innovative approaches to neural and behavioral data acquisition and analysis. This event will feature talks by students and postdocs from the Philadelphia area, poster sessions with prizes, and a reception with food and drinks. **Any and all posters are welcomed and encouraged**, not just those in line with this year's MINS theme.

If you would like to attend, please register at the [form here](#).

The event is going to be held on **Friday September 13th from 1-6 pm** in the Rubenstein Auditorium, located in the **Smilow Center for Translational Research** (3400 Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia PA, 19104).

See flyer [here](#).

CFAR Pizza Lunch: An Overview of the Clinical and Immunology Cores

The Center for AID Research (CFAR) invites BGS students to join them for pizza as the Clinical Core and Immunology Core present an overview of their services. This lunch and information session will take place **Wednesday, September 18th, 2019** from **12-1 PM in 251 BRB II/III**. RSVP to [Amy Onorato](#) to make sure they have enough pizza for all!

ITMAT 14th Annual International Symposium

The ITMAT 14th 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](mailto: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

THESIS DEFENSES

Sept. 9, 2 PM (Reunion Auditorium, JMB): **Yangpeiwei Huang (CAMB), "FBP2 inhibits sarcoma progression by restraining mitochondrial biogenesis."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Sept. 9, 3 PM (9-146 Smilow): **Samuel Belfer (NGG), "A *Drosophila* Model of Sleep Restriction Therapy for Insomnia and Neurodegenerative Disease."** Contact [Christine Clay](#).

Sept. 10, 1 PM (12-146 Smilow): **Amber Wang (PGG), "Innovative Approaches to Identify Regulators of Liver Regeneration."** Contact [Sarah Squire](#).

Sept. 10, 1 PM (Austrian Auditorium, CRB): **Leilani Chirino (CAMB), "TAM receptors negatively regulate NK cells via E3 Ubiquitin ligase Cbl-b."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Sept. 12, 12 PM (Smilow 11-146AB): **Alexander Sakers (CAMB), "Identification of a mesenchymal progenitor cell hierarchy in adipose tissue."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

- The Abstract Deadline is September 13th. All CAMB students 1 year or more past their prelim are expected to present a poster.
- The Registration Deadline is September 27th. All attendees must register.

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sept. 9, 12 – 1 PM: **CB Faculty Chalk Talks**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#)

Sept. 9, 3:30 – 5:30 PM: **MVP Chalk Talks**. Contact [Anna Kline](#)

Sept. 11, 3:30 – 5:30 PM: **MVP Chalk Talks**. Contact [Anna Kline](#)

Sept. 12, 12 – 1 PM (4054 Colket): **Office Hours: CAMB Vice Chair Craig Bassing**. Contact [Craig Bassing](#)

Sept. 12, 1:30 – 3:30 PM: **CAMB Faculty Mini Talks**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#)

Sept. 13, 12 – 1:30 PM: **MVP Chalk Talks Discussion Lunch**. Contact [Anna Kline](#)

Sept. 13, 3:30 – 5:30 PM: **MVP Chalk Talks**. Contact [Anna Kline](#)

NGG

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Please add to your calendar that the SFN Social will be **Monday, October 21 from 9-11pm** (more details to follow soon).
- We have revamped the GFAP form this year, to hopefully make the purchase/reimbursement request process more straightforward. Please start using this 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 so we can address your question and improve the form. The link for the new form is [here](#).
- Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow [article](#), written by NGG students!
- Don't forget to pick up your NEW NGG T-SHIRT and THERMO! They are located in Tom's old office.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

09/09 3:00pm- 4:00pm (09-146 Smilow Center for Translational Research) - Samuel Belfer Thesis Defense

09/10 11:30am - 1:00pm (Barchi Library) - NGG CORE II Lunch

09/11 4:00 - 5:00pm (Barchi Library) - SISS MINS seminar: Dr. Helen Bateup

FUTURE EVENTS

09/16 10am - 11am (Class of 1962 Auditorium) - Christina Wright Thesis Defense

09/19 12pm - 1pm (Barchi Library) - NGG Trainee Lunch

CALENDARS
[NGG and GLIA](#)
[MINS](#)
[BGSA](#)

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Penn Career Services – Walk-In Wednesdays

Penn Career Services will offer weekly walk-in advising sessions for BGS students, from **12-2 PM in Stemmler 105**. These sessions will take place every Wednesday from **September 4th through December 4th**. [See flyer here.](#)

These 15-minute sessions are great for reviews of your application materials (for academic jobs or industry career options), quick questions about networking, job searching, career exploration, or any other career-related question.

If you cannot make it to these walk-ins, then take advantage of daily walk-ins at Career Services in the McNeil Building from 2-3pm, or schedule a 30-minute appointment with a career advisor through Handshake or by calling 215-898-7530.

Penn Career Services – Digital and Real-World Resources

Penn Career Services has compiled an extremely valuable list of information and services for graduate students. This includes their updated website, free or discounted digital resources, and instructions on how to engage with Career Services through Handshake or via appointment. Learn more [here](#).

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

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](#).

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sept. 11, 12-2 PM (Stemmler 105): **Walk-In Wednesdays** with Penn Career Services. [See flyer here.](#)

Sept. 11, 12, & 13, 5-7 PM (Grad Center Room 305): **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Essay Workshops.** Applying for the NSF GRFP? Don't miss this workshop on the Background & Future Goals essay, cosponsored by the [SAS Science Outreach Initiative](#) and the Graduate Student Center. [Learn more and register here.](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

Sept. 19, 1-2:30 PM (Grad Center Rm 305, 3615 Locust Walk): **Cite Your Sources: Learning to Use Reference Management Software.** Meaghan Moody and Rebecca Stuhr of Penn Libraries will lead this workshop on reference management tools, focusing on [Zotero](#) and [Mendeley](#), two of the most widely-used programs for academic citation. Please bring a laptop and install both programs in advance to make the most of this workshop. [Learn more and register.](#)

Sept. 25, 3 – 4 PM (Grad Center Rm 204, 3615 Locust Walk): **Getting the Mentorship & Support You Need.** Small, interactive workshop to help new & first year graduate students build a network of mentors and identify available resources and structures of support at Penn. *Please note:* this workshop is designed for first year doctoral (PhD) students, but others are welcome to join. Space is limited - [advance registration required.](#)

Sept. 26, 12 – 1:30 PM (McNeil Building, Conference Room 97): **Harnessing the Power of LinkedIn in your Job [re]Search.** LinkedIn is far more than just a branding platform – it is a research tool, and there are several ways that you can use it effectively in your career exploration. Attend this Career Services workshop to learn about 10 LinkedIn best practices you can integrate into your job search straightaway! [Learn more here.](#)

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

BGS General Interest Meeting for Outreach Opportunity

BGSA is working with BGS student groups to host a general interest meeting for an outreach opportunity with the Spark Program. They are an organization that works with local middle school students on career exploration. This spring BGS students will have the opportunity to mentor a student one-on-one.

The general interest meeting is on **September 12th at 6pm in Barchi Library.**

PBG Fall Kickoff 2019

Interested in gaining real life consulting experience? Want to learn more about consulting and the healthcare industry?

When: Thursday, September 12th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Where: Jon M. Huntsman Hall, Room 350, 3730 Walnut St

Join Penn Biotech Group Healthcare Consulting at the Fall Kickoff for:

- An **intro** to the consulting career path
- An **overview** of PBG, including what we do and how to **apply** for projects
- Grab **food** and then drinks at our kickoff **happy hour** (Copabanana University City)
- Network** with fellow PBG members
- For more information about PBG, visit our website at pbgconsulting.org
- No business/consulting experience necessary

If you cannot make it to the kickoff, please sign up for our email list at tinyurl.com/PBGnews and we'll be sure to include you in communications going forward about signing up for project teams. Become a PBG member: tinyurl.com/PBGmember.

Applications for the Penn Wharton Innovation Fund now live

The Penn Wharton Innovation Fund (PWIF) exists to fund creative and meaningfully innovative ventures from the Penn student community, and, like all Penn Wharton Entrepreneurship programs, is intended to give students an opportunity to learn about entrepreneurship, through their successes and mistakes. Alberto Vitale WG'59, who endowed the Penn Wharton Innovation Fund, hopes that it will be "a catalyst to stimulate innovation at the School and to surface the brainpower of its

students." All funding decisions are made by our Investment Team, which is comprised of current students from across the University of Pennsylvania. We are currently recruiting for new members for our Investment Team. The PWIF Investment Team is responsible for reviewing applications for funding every month from October 2019 through April 2020. This will require about 10 hours of reviewing applications on our online system during each month's review period. The Investment Team will hold twice-monthly 2-hour meetings where we have lively discussion, dinner, and make our funding decisions (10 application review meetings, and 1 introductory meeting in September).

Deadline to apply: September 13th

PWIF Website: <https://entrepreneurship.wharton.upenn.edu/innovation-fund/>

Application

link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBzKYXhzxhBZk0vIKg7S7IkVIae1PKbQ-0J1GTEk4gOsc8bA/viewform>

Questions?

Contact Jill Anick, Senior Associate Director, Penn Wharton Entrepreneurship at janick@wharton.upenn.edu

The Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group has TWO exciting events next Tuesday September 17

· **Science Communication Workshop (1 of 8) – Tuesday, Sept. 17 – 12:15 – 1:45 PM** - Scientific Story telling with Rafael Luna author of The Art of Scientific Storytelling: Transform Your Research Manuscript using a Step-By-Step Formula.

RSVP link: <https://bit.ly/2kmZW1I>

Location: JMEC 516 EW (5th floor of Smilow Center for Translation Research, West Pavilion)

We are excited to bring to you a SERIES of science communication workshop, brought to you by PSPDG and CAMB. Those who complete 5 out of the 8 workshops offered throughout the 2019-2020 academic year will receive a certificate. For more information about upcoming events see: <https://pennsciencepolicy.squarespace.com/workshop-series>

· **General Meeting/Kick-off Happy Hour – Tuesday, Sept 17 – 5:30 PM – *Free pizza and beer anyone?*** Come see what PSPDG is all about. Get information on our current and future projects, and get access to lovely people to help you navigate what a career in science policy/diplomacy looks like. Bring a friend, grab a beer, and play some ping pong with us.

Directions: Located in Johnson Foundation Library on the 2nd Floor Anatomy-Chemistry Building. (Enter through 418 Guardian, up the stairs, turn left through doors labeled Biochemistry & Biophysics)

Inviting BGS to participate in the Penn Med Symphony Orchestra

Calling all musicians!

The Penn Med Symphony Orchestra is inviting you to join us this Fall! We are a diverse group of faculty, physicians, students, family, and friends from all over the Penn, UPHS, CHOP, and greater Philadelphia community who love making music together.

Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm starting on Tuesday, September 17th. Repertoire this Fall includes Wagner's Tannhauser Overture, Saint-Saens' Piano Concerto No. 2, and Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake Suite. Learn more about us at <https://www.pennmedsymphony.com>

If you are interested, please contact pennmedsymphony@gmail.com

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sept. 10, 5:30 PM (BRB 253): **BGSA General Assembly Meeting.**

Sept. 13, 6 – 9 PM (Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall): **Bienvenida for New & Returning Latinx Graduate Students.** Join the Latin American Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, La Casa Latina, and the Graduate Student Center to kick off the new school year with food, drinks, and dancing! [Sign up here](#). Please bring your PennCard to be admitted. *Cosponsored by LAGAPSA, La Casa Latina, and the Grad Center.*

Sept. 14, 10:30 AM – 12 PM (Family Center Common Room): **Welcome Back Play Date.** Join the Family Center for their first play date of the year as they kick off the fall semester and welcome new and returning students and post-docs with children! Bring your family, enjoy some breakfast, snacks, games, and a balloon artist from [Jiggy and Company!](#)

Don't miss this chance to meet and talk with other students and post docs with children and learn about our resources and community!

[Please register in advance.](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

Sept. 20, 5 – 7 PM (LGBT Center, 3907 Spruce Street): **Welcome Reception for New & Returning LGBTQ+ Graduate Students.** Join Lambda Grads, The LGBT Center, and the Grad Center to invite new and returning LGBTQ graduate students and their allies to its fall welcome reception. Food and drinks will be served. Please bring your PennCard and government-issued ID to be admitted. [Register here!](#)

RESOURCES

Visit the [Family Center at Penn](#) and [Graduate Student Center's](#) web pages for a complete listing of their upcoming events for new and returning students. Sign up for their newsletters to stay connected with weekly updates.

[BGSA Website](#)

[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Penn Today Events](#)

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