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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voting is Open for BGSA Executive Board Nominees until 6/5/20!

Vote for BGSA Executive board nominees for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Want to learn more about the nominees? [Do that here!](#)

Then [Vote here!](#)

SACNAS Chapter Board Elections - now accepting nominations!

Our SACNAS Chapter **E-Board Elections** are fast approaching!

Looking for new ways to get involved with the Penn SACNAS Chapter? Know someone you think would be interested in joining the board?

Please click [here](#) to nominate yourself and/or others to any of our board positions! Through this link, you will also find more information on the election process and the responsibilities of each board position.

Elections timeline:

June 12th - last day to submit nominations

June 21st - last day to accept nominations

June 26th - virtual elections via online form

June 29th - election results announced

Penn Rising Senior Summer Academy (PennRSSA)

The University of Pennsylvania Division of Student Engagement is seeking **100** current Penn graduate and professional students who are interested in serving this summer as graduate assistants (**GAs**) for the [Penn Rising Senior Summer Academy \(PennRSSA\)](#), an adaptive, pioneering new program serving rising seniors attending public and public charter high schools in the School District of Philadelphia. There is a \$2,000 stipend for GAs as well as the training and support needed to mentor local high school students. Please see the [attached flyer](#) for more information. **Applications are now being accepted.**

If becoming a GA isn't possible for you, we are also looking for medical and graduate students who would like to do one-time presentations and be part of panels focused on medicine and research related careers. If interested, please contact Dr. Jamie Shuda, Director of Outreach and Education at the SOM's Institute for Regenerative Medicine at jshuda@sas.upenn.edu by **Friday, June 5th**.

2020-2021 Nominations for NRSA T32s

Cell and Molecular Biology - June 15 deadline

Genetics - June 15 deadline

These training grants are soliciting nominations of graduate students for the 2020-2021 academic year through a BGS-managed web-based system. Learn more here:

<https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/2020-2021-nominations-for-nrsa-t32s.html>

Request for Applications to the NIH Structural Biology and Molecular Biophysics Pre-Doctoral Training Program 2020-2021

The NIH Structural Biology and Molecular Biophysics (SBTG) pre-doctoral training program is seeking applications for appointments beginning 9/1/2020 and running through 8/31/2021. **The application deadline is 12 pm, Friday June 19, 2020.**

The program supports 3rd year Ph.D. students and 4th year for combined degree students for one year. Applications are now being accepted from rising 3rd year Ph.D students or rising 4th year combined degree students only for appointment to the 2020-2021 year of the training program. Learn more [here](#).

ITMAT Education – TL1/T32 Slots Available for Certificate in Regulatory Science

Deadline: June 22

Due to COVID related concerns, deadline extensions will be considered.

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

The certificate includes a one-year engagement in a regulatory science 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/CertificateinRegulatoryScience.html>

Contact Bethany Germany, bgermany@upenn.edu or Andrew Fesnak, MD, fesnak@pennmedicine.upenn.edu to learn more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stopping the Hate and Starting to Heal: Living With and Through the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Pan-Asian American Community House (PAACH) is partnering with Asian American Studies (ASAM), Penn Global, and other organizations to develop a dialogue series on the increase of Anti-Asian (American) Violence in the U.S. and around the world.

We hope that you may participate in the kick-off event on **Wednesday, June 3, 2020** with Helen Gym (C'93), Cliff Akiyama (MA'04, MPH'08), Dr. Yuhong He (Counseling & Psychological Services-CAPS), and Shaina Zafar (C'21).

Please see the full announcement and BlueJeans info [here](#).

THESIS DEFENSES

June 2, 10 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/803576940>): **Ayon Ibrahim (CAMB)**, “Exploring The Mechanisms Of Basal And Stimulated Endothelial Fatty Acid Uptake And Transport.” Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

June 3, 2 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/849673039>): **Rebecca Rosenthal (IGG)**, “T-bet Expressing B Cells with Distinct Residency and Functional Characteristics Give Rise to Plasma Cells.” Contact [Mary Taylor](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

June 1, **CB Combined Degree Prelim Exams**

June 1, **CPM Combined Degree Prelim Exams**

June 1, **GTV Combined Degree Prelim Exams**

June 1, **MVP Combined Degree Prelim Exams**

June 2, **G&E Combined Degree Prelim Exams**

June 4, 12 - 1 PM, **GTV Student Check-in**. Contact [Anna](#) for the BlueJeans link.

June 5, 12:15 – 1:30 PM, **CPM Research in Progress: Kevin Zhang (Dunaief lab), Vineet Kulkarni (Maday lab), and Derek Sung (Kahn lab) presenting**. Contact [Kathy](#) for the BlueJeans link

CAMB Preliminary Exams (PhD and CD)

Preliminary exams for the PhD programs begin in May. Combined degree exams will take place in June. To see the complete schedule of exams, click [here](#).

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ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Check out this week’s PennNeuroKnow article [Mapping the Brain](#) by *Carolyn Keating* on how a 3D map gives researchers a better look into the mouse brain.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Daily 'Meet an NGG alum' sessions this week (<https://upenn.bluejeans.com/2277199130>)

Mon, 06/01 12:00-12:30 pm - Robin C. Ashmore

Tue, 06/02 8:30-9:00 am - Kartik Sreenivasan

Wed, 06/03 12:00-12:30 pm - Shivon Robinson

Thur, 06/04 8:30-9:00 am - Dan Denman

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Beginner Python Data Science Bootcamp – Register by June 7!

This Python Data Science Bootcamp is a free workshop designed to help scientists in the biological and biomedical sciences gain basic Python skills required for applications in data science. No prior programming experience is required. Using Python, we will cover the core programming concepts needed to perform basic data analysis, with an emphasis on common problems in biology. By the end, we hope you will feel comfortable using Python to analyze your own data!

Programming Bootcamp is sponsored by the Genomics & Computational Biology (GCB) graduate program. See the full announcement with key course dates and sign up instructions [here](#).

Drexel Postdoctoral Association is Pleased to Present: Tips and Tricks on How to Build Your Personal Branding

The Drexel Postdoctoral Association invites BGS students to participate in a career seminar featuring Francesca Contardi, founder of recruitment company EasyHunters, on **June 11, 2020 from 12-1 PM**. See the full announcement and RSVP [here](#).

iBiology Business Concepts for Life Scientists

Check out iBiology's newly released Educator Guide for the Business Concepts for Life Scientists course: https://courses.ibiology.org/educator_resources/BCLS

The course content covers business strategy, finance and business development, built specifically for scientists. The course helps prepare scientists who want to start their own labs, and inform scientists who want to go into industry.

CPRIT TRIUMPH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Cancer Research

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is currently accepting applications for the CPRIT TRIUMPH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Cancer Research. This three-year fellowship provides basic, translational, and clinical training and aims to further develop talented PhD or MD/PhDs into successful clinical/translational research scientists. Applications are reviewed quarterly with the next cycle due dates of **June 30, 2020 and September 30, 2020**.

Additional information regarding eligibility, application process, and current trainees and program alumni profiles are found at www.mdanderson.org/CPRITTRIUMPH. Please contact Dr. Kari Brewer Savannah, Program Manager, with any questions at ksavannah@mdanderson.org.

Daily Phone “Drop-Ins” with Penn Career Services

In place of walk-ins, Career Services is offering a variety of phone and web appointments, which students can schedule through [Handshake](#). These include the option for same-day, 15-minute appointments with a career adviser. New appointment times open up every day at 9:15 AM ET. To schedule an appointment, sign in to Handshake and click the “Career Center” tab near the top right corner.

Twitter users can also follow [@PennCareerJobs](#), a daily automated feed that highlights new job posts. And be sure you’ve customized your email settings in Handshake to receive a weekly newsletter featuring jobs and resources tailored to you! Detailed instructions on how to do so are available [here](#).

RESOURCES

[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](#)

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STUDENT RESOURCES

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Family Center at Penn](#)

[Ask Isaac: Your Personal IS Guru](#)

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