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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Onsite CAPS Counselor for BGS Students

Reminder: BGS has arranged for a counselor from Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) to be available to meet on site with BGS students on **Wednesdays from 3-7 PM in Smilow Conference Room 1-103** (in the hallway south of Rubenstein Auditorium). **Tiffany Brown, PhD**, is a psychologist at CAPS who will provide confidential services every Wednesday. She will work with BGS students to provide initial consultation, support, brief counseling, and referral services.

In order to set up an appointment with Dr. Brown, you may call CAPS at 215-898-7021 or email her directly at nicobr@upenn.edu.

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.](#)

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](#).

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@penmedicine.upenn.edu). See flyer [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative Science: *Funding and Support for Basic Research and Open Science*

This talk will be presented by **Katja Brose, PhD**, Science Program Officer at the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. It will take place **Tuesday, October, 1st, 2019 from 9 – 10 AM** in **Gaulton Auditorium** (Biomedical Research Building II/III, 421 Curie Boulevard).

Introduction to BioCyc

Come learn to work with BioCyc: a collection of Pathway Genome Databases (PGDBs) that provides information on genomes and metabolic pathways for thousands of organisms.

This one hour workshop will provide an introduction to BioCyc and showcase the various features BioCyc supports. In addition, there will be an interactive demo that complements the overview on BioCyc.

Date: October 2, 2019 at noon

Register [here](#)

Location: Training lab (G3) of the Biomedical Library

If you do not have a PennKey please bring along a laptop

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the workshop please contact Subin George (Bioinformatics intern) at sgeo@pobox.upenn.edu

PennDemic 2019 coming November 9th, 2019. Apply by Oct 7th!

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@penmedicine.upenn.edu), one of the PennDemic organizers.

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](#) 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

Oct. 1, 2-3 PM (Reunion Auditorium, JMB): **Kelly Rome (CAMB), "Tribbles homologue 1 controls antiviral immunity by restraining T cell effector programming and function."** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

Oct. 4, 10-11 AM (Gaulton Auditorium, BRB): **Frances Taschuk (CAMB), "Antiviral activities of DEAD-box RNA helicases."** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

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. 2, 2-3 PM (9-104 Smilow): **Office Hours: Dan Kessler**. Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Oct. 3, 1:30-3 PM: **Mindfulness/Stress Reduction Workshop for First Years**. Contact [Kathy](#).

Oct. 4, 12:15-1:30 PM: **CPM Information Session**. Contact [Kathy](#).

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](#).
- 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

10/04 12pm - 1pm (Barchi Library) - NGG Dessert Potluck

FUTURE EVENTS

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

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

CALENDARS

[NGG and GLIA](#)

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[BGSA](#)

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

ITMAT Education - Regulatory Science Career Panel

ITMAT Education will host a Regulatory Science Career Panel on **Wednesday, October 2 from 12-1 pm** in the **14th Floor Faculty Lounge (BRB)**. Lunch will be provided.

Join us to learn about academic and industry career pathways in regulatory science, the science of applying contemporary research methods to develop new tools, standards, and approaches to access the efficacy, quality, and performance of FDA-regulated products. Please RSVP at:

https://events.med.upenn.edu/itmat/#!view/event/event_id/710776.

Speakers for the panel are:

Mike Milone, MD, PhD. Associate Professor of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Julie Jadowsky, PhD. HIV Program Manager with the Center for Cellular Immunotherapies, Penn

Drew Elias, PhD. Manager, Global Regulatory Affairs Immunology, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Alfred M Del Vecchio, PhD. Associate Director, North American Regulatory Liaison: Global Regulatory Affairs, Immunology, Johnson & Johnson Inc.

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

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

Oct. 2, 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

Join BGSA at Terror Behind the Walls on October 16th

BGSA brings you Terror Behind the Walls at the Eastern State Penitentiary. Secure your ticket by registering for \$10 (to be reimbursed after attending). See flyer [here](#).

Tickets go live on Wednesday, October 2nd at 9am

<https://penn-bgsa.ticketleap.com/terror2019/>

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sept. 30, 9 AM – 5 PM (BRB Lobby): **PSPDG - Voter Registration**. Register to vote in the BRB lobby TODAY, Monday, September 30th from 9-5!! Members from the Penn Science Policy & Diplomacy Group will be there to help, stop by anytime between 9 and 5!

Oct. 1, 5:30 PM (BRB 252): **BGSA General Assembly Meeting**. Join BGSA to discuss upcoming events, a finance update, how to get BGSA funding for your student group, and merit and IPF requests. There will be dinner from Hummus Grill. See flyer [here](#).

Oct. 2, 4-7 PM (South Lawn Kaskey Park): **BGSA Tie Dye Day**. Join BGSA for a fun Fall evening of tie dye. Shirts are provided, but if you have anything else you want to dye, bring it along! Flyer [here](#).

Oct. 3, 5:30 – 7:30 PM (Bodek Lounge at Houston Hall): **EE Just - Cell 600 Happy Hour**. Join EE Just to celebrate the first years surviving their first Cell 600 exam! Make sure to bring valid ID. Flyer [here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

Oct. 10, 12-1:30 PM (Reunion Auditorium, JMB): **Career Services Workshop: Prepare for the BioSciences Career Fair**. Make the most of the upcoming [BioSciences Career Fair](#) (October 24th) by attending this Career Services workshop. More information and register [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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For information about upcoming events or to advertise in next week's bulletin, contact [Rebecca Lopez](#).