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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Requirements

Vaccinations. Penn students, faculty, and staff are required to be vaccinated. Students must upload their vaccine record through [Student Health](#). Information regarding current student immunization requirements can be found [here](#).

Masking/Testing. All members of the Penn community and visitors must wear masks while indoors in public or shared spaces. **Vaccinated students are required to participate in screening testing twice per month.** Learn more about student compliance with testing [here](#).

Learning From Address. This is a reminder to add your Local and "Learning from" addresses in [Penn InTouch](#) if you have not already done so. This is especially important if you are working remotely and not coming to campus to participate in the screening testing.

You can add or update your address by logging into [Penn InTouch](#) and going to “Profile, privacy & emergency” then selecting “Address information”.

Biotech Commons spaces & support

Are you looking for a study space? Reserve it at the newly renovated [Biotech Commons](#) – now open until midnight Mon-Thurs - through this [link](#) and keep up to date via [Twitter](#).

Your library Liaison:

Manuel de la Cruz Gutiérrez, PhD, MLS

Director of Data & Innovation Services at the Biotech Commons

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LIBRARIES

Philadelphia, PA – [Lenapehoking](#)

215-746-2459

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orcid.org/0000-0001-8796-941X

Fall 2021 Graduate Spaces

Looking for a quiet place to study, space to relax and meet up with friends, or rooms to reserve while the Grad Center is closed? This page has information about alternative and temporary spaces available for graduate student use during the Fall 2021 semester: <https://gsc.upenn.edu/Fall2021/spaces>

Roommate Ads & Slack for BGS Students

BGS students are welcome to post their housing and roommate ads in the following [Google doc](#). There is also a channel within the BGS Slack workspace intended for sharing roommate ads, titled **#attn_roommate-ads**.

There is a BGS slack for connecting the various departments and student groups and as a place for questions and discussion. For current students who are not a part of it yet and incoming students, please join with the following link: https://join.slack.com/t/upennbgs/shared_invite/zt-99ajnayf-ImKfg7ic5niiE1u3ksyl5g

Graduate & Professional Student Emergency Fund

The Office of the Provost has provided over \$70,000 to the VPUL Emergency Fund specifically dedicated for graduate and professional student urgent and unanticipated needs. Students facing emergency financial hardships can learn more at gsc.upenn.edu/grad-emergency-grant.

Counseling and Wellness

[Counseling and Psychological Services](#) has a variety of virtual options and some in-person options. Call 215-898-7021 anytime (24/7) to make an appointment or talk with a licensed counselor.

On campus appointments are available 9am-5pm Monday-Friday. Virtual appointments are available Mon-Thurs, 9am-6pm, Fri, 9am-5pm, and Saturday, 10am-2pm. Press 2 to make an in-person or virtual appointment. You may also use [Let's Talk](#) virtual hours: <https://caps.wellness.upenn.edu/ltplohours/> Use 215-898-7021, press 2, to schedule a Let's Talk session.

Dr. Tiffany Brown is the embedded CAPS counselor for BGS. You may schedule appointments with her directly [nicobr@upenn.edu] or by calling 215-898-7021 (press 2). You may also arrange to work with other CAPS counselors by calling the main CAPS number.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(NEW) CTL Workshop: The Ingredients for Designing Your Own Course: Lessons from Dr. Amber Alhadeff's *Your Brain on Food*

Thursday, October 21, 2021, 3-4 PM, Barchi Library

Please join us for a CTL workshop discussion with Dr. Amber Alhadeff about designing your own course! We will discuss how Dr. Alhadeff conceptualized the content and structure of the course, how these were influenced by her teaching philosophies and how her prior teaching experiences have shaped her course design. Please RSVP at the CTL website here: <https://www.ctl.upenn.edu/events>

The LabArchives Virtual User Group Event for Researchers and the Research Edition Bootcamp!

October 25 – 29

This is a great opportunity to hear from other institutions that use LabArchives and learn more about various tools available. If you'd like to attend you can register for the sessions at the link below.

<https://www.labarchives.com/2021/10/07/virtual-user-group/>

Upcoming Symposium: Understanding COVID-19 and Addressing Disparities in Care

Please see the [attached flier](#) for the Coronavirus symposium "Understanding COVID-19 and Addressing Disparities in Care". The symposium will be both virtual and in person, **November 2 from 1 to 5PM ET**. Topics to be covered will range from viral evolution and human variation to delivery of care and vaccine hesitancy.

CBI Fall Symposium November 17th

The Fellows of the Chemistry-Biology Interface Training Grant would like to invite you to join us for our **2021 Chemistry-Biology Interface Fall Symposium on Friday, November 17th from 10am-1:30pm**, which will be held **virtually over zoom**. We are accepting abstract submissions for short (15 min) oral presentations until November 1st. Talks may cover *any topic* within Chemistry and Biology, you will also receive a CBI t-shirt if you participate!

Our keynote speakers this year are **Ambika Bhagi-Damodaran (U Minnesota)** and **Amy Andreotti (Iowa State)**.

Please register using the following link: <https://forms.gle/HWEr3Jq3WTYa2QHq5>.

You can visit our CBI website (<https://www.med.upenn.edu/cbit32/>) for information on past symposia.

THESIS DEFENSES

Oct 18, 2 PM (Class of '62 OR via [BlueJeans](#)): **Olivia Farrelly** (CAMB), Panteleimon Rompolas, Mentor, **"Investigating the mechanisms of corneal maintenance and regeneration by 2-photon live imaging."**

Oct 20, 2 PM (Class of '62 OR via [BlueJeans](#)): **Ryan Cupo** (PGG), James Shorter, Mentor, **"Discovery of a Human Mitochondrial Protein Disaggregase, SKD3."**

Oct 22, 1pm (SCTR Auditorium OR via [BlueJeans](#)): **Rebekah Brooks** (CAMB) Chi Van Dang, Mentor, **"PBAF-associated circadian lncRNA ADIRF-AS1 regulates renal clear cell tumorigenesis."**

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Events this Week

- Oct. 21, 12 – 1 PM ([Register](#)): BGS students are invited to join the Biomedical Postdoctoral Programs for an upcoming event, **"Navigating the publication process: Tips from a Scientific Editor."**
- Oct. 21, 1 PM: **Crystal Pharmatech Webinar Series**. Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1 – 4: **NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration**. If you are an administrator, researcher, early-stage investigator, graduate student, or anyone new to working with the NIH grants process...then this seminar is designed specifically for you. Register [here](#).

FREE BGS IMPROV WORKSHOP - Improve Your Communication Skills!

Want to discover how **improvisation can improve your communication skills**? Would you like to meet new people and have a fun time while learning how to think more quickly on your feet?

BGS is hosting a **FREE Improv Workshop**

Mondays (Oct 25 - Nov 29), 5:30 - 7:30 PM in Houston Hall

(Room numbers provided upon registration)

Penn ID and green PennOpen Pass required

REGISTER NOW! : <https://forms.gle/2DkbGNJuUPbDfdGi6>

If the idea of improv makes you nervous, check out this [short video](#) to see how much fun and informative this workshop is.

CHOP Gateway to Pediatric Research

Nov. 17 - 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m

[Register Here](#)

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Research Institute is pleased to announce the [Gateway to Pediatric Research Program](#), a one-day event taking place virtually on **November 17, 2021**.

The goal of this event is to introduce CHOP research to promising [senior graduate students](#) and [junior postdoctoral fellows](#) from different backgrounds, races, ethnic groups, life experiences, research experiences and employment backgrounds. Those interested in exploring research opportunities at one of the top ranked US children's hospitals are encouraged to apply. **Registration will close on November 2, 2021.**

Postdoctoral Research Opportunities in Science (PROS) – Apply by Oct 20th

[Postdoctoral Research Opportunities in Science \(PROS\)](#) allows students to explore the options for postdoctoral training and learn about the resources at **Baylor College of Medicine (BCM)**. We facilitate the matching of students with faculty who have aligned interests and provide guidance and support to students through the exploration process. A list of interested faculty who are currently seeking postdoctoral candidates is [here](#).

See the full announcement and flyer [here](#).

ITMAT Education Request for Applications Due Oct 22nd

The annual request for applications for our education programs in clinical, translational, entrepreneurial, and regulatory science has opened. **Applications are due October 22, 2021**. Please see the request for applications [here](#).

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](#).

Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Academic Diversity – November 15 Deadline

Email: vpr-pdfellow@pobox.upenn.edu

Application Deadline: November 15

- **Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Academic Diversity at the University of Pennsylvania**
- **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Fellowships for Academic Diversity**

The Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships and CHOP's Postdoctoral Fellowships are competitive programs intended to increase the diversity of the academic research community at the University of Pennsylvania and 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. Learn more here: <https://research.upenn.edu/postdocs->

[and-students/penn-provosts-postdoctoral-fellowships/](#) and here: <https://almanac.upenn.edu/articles/provosts-postdoctoral-fellowships-deadline-november-15>

2021 Penn Healthcare Case Competition

Applications open **October 6th!** More information can be found [here on our website](#).

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Please submit the [Interest & Networking Coffee Chat Registration Form](#), if you are interested in participating. Registering for our Coffee Chat sessions gives you the opportunity to meet other participants who are looking for team members. We will then contact you with more details regarding the Case Competition.

If you have any questions, please contact us at pennhealthcarecc2021@gmail.com.

Career Development Resources for BGS Students

BGS maintains a number of career development resources, including a career blog and calendar of events, career path videos featuring alumni, and more. See [this page](#) for a summary of resources within BGS and across Penn's campus.

International Open Access Week 2021

The Penn Libraries are proudly taking part in [International Open Access Week 2021](#), **October 25-31, 2021**. This global event allows the academic and research community to learn about the potential benefits of Open Access and share what they've learned with colleagues. The Penn Libraries will recognize it virtually with two workshops and two panels.

The workshops will provide practical information and hands-on guidance. Scholars will learn how they can highlight their work and easily network and share ideas with colleagues across institutions through participation in open academic profile, sharing, and preprint platforms. In turn, the panels will bring the Penn Community into direct conversation with publishers, journal editors, and other Penn scholars who have chosen to publish, distribute, and/or share their work through open access publishing venues. The panels and workshops include:

October 26, 1pm-2pm. Workshop. *Introduction to Online Academic Profile Services* with Manuel de La Cruz Gutierrez.

October 27, 11am-2pm. Workshop. *Raising the Visibility of your Scholarship through Sharing and Preprint Platforms* with Nicky Agate and Rebecca Stuhr.

October 27, 4pm-5:30pm. Panel. *Navigating the Sea Change: Editors and Publishers Explore Open Access.* Join editors and publishers of established and emerging open access journals and books as they share how they decided to move their publications to an open access model.

October 28, 10am-11am. Panel. *Make Waves and Open Doors: Penn Scholars Explore Open Access Publishing.* Have you considered publishing your work through open access platforms? Would you like to learn more about

your publishing options and what open access can offer? Join us in conversation with Penn faculty members in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and STEM who have published in both open access and subscription-based platforms.

The full list of events with program descriptions and links to register can be found at this link on LibCal: [International Open Access Week 2021 Events, Registration, and Descriptions](#).

NHGRI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Transition Award for a Diverse Genomics Workforce (F99/K00)

Application Due Date: December 8, 2021

This two-phased award will facilitate completion of a doctoral dissertation (F99) and transition to a strong postdoctoral research position (K00) focused on the scientific, medical, ethical, social and/or legal areas of genomics research.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-143.html>

Regeneron's Postdoc Program

Application Due Date: December 1, 2021

The Regeneron Postdoctoral Training Program is now accepting applications:

<https://www.regeneron.com/postdoctoral-training-program>

IBSA Foundation for scientific research – Fellowships 2021 Call

Application Deadline: December 31, 2021

Applications are open for the 9th edition of the [IBSA Foundation Fellowships 2021 Call](#) that awards 6 fellowships of € 30,000/each (one additional fellowship compared to the previous edition) to young researchers under the age of 40, from Universities and Research Institutes around the world, who have distinguished themselves for their skills and have ongoing projects of particular relevance in the following research areas:

- dermatology
- endocrinology
- fertility/urology
- orthopaedics/pain medicine/rheumatology

and the 2021 special edition

- regenerative medicine

Please find more information about the Call on the IBSA Foundation's [website](#).

Job Openings

- [Benchspace September 2021 Job Opportunities](#)
- [Postdoc Position – Selkoe Lab at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School](#)
- [Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Career Opportunities](#)
- [Gordian – Ex vivo scientist](#)
- [Investigator Position at GSK](#)
- [Archive of other Job Listings](#)

Request to join the [BGS Alumni and Current Students LinkedIn](#) to stay updated on job opportunities.

RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Calendar](#)

[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](#)

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BGSA FallFest Event

BGSA, GSEG, and WDC are joining together to provide tickets to and transportation between Penn's campus and Shady Brook Farm's Annual FallFest. Charter buses will be provided on **October 23, 2021** for a 4 hour stay at Shady Brook Farm.

Register [here](#) and use code BGSA5 for \$5 tickets!"

Join the PGWISE Executive Board

Are you or someone you know interested in getting more involved with PGWISE? Apply today to help on our executive board for the 2021-2022 academic year! Interested applicants can fill out the form [here](#):

Applications will be open until **Friday, October 29th**. Selected candidates will be notified via email on Monday, November 1st. We look forward to hearing from you!

-PGWISE E-Board

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