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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. All students who have not tested since Monday, November 1 must test by Saturday, November 13 to remain compliant with the testing requirement.** Here is the [link](#) to make your appointment. **Note that due to increased demand for testing this month, walk-ins are discouraged. Please schedule your test in advance and avoid a red pass!** 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? The newly renovated [Biotech Commons](#) is now open until midnight Mon-Thurs. Reserve space 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](#)
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[@MDelaCG](#)
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-1mKfg7ic5niiE1u3ksyl5g

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

[CAPS/Student Counseling](#) 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.

(NEW) Complete the Diversity Engagement Survey

Take ACTION: If you have not already, please plan to **complete the [Diversity Engagement Survey \(DES\)](#) by Tuesday, November 16.**

The survey, supported by the [Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity](#), is part of our [Action for Cultural Transformation \(ACT\)](#), and takes **less than ten minutes to complete**. The survey will assess baseline strengths and areas for improvement in order to build a more inclusive culture across our institution. Additionally, the data will allow us to compare ourselves to other Association of American Medical College (AAMC) member institutions as well as the results from the survey conducted in 2018. **All faculty and staff are encouraged to participate, and all responses will remain anonymous.**

If you need more information about the survey, please refer to the survey [FAQs](#) and [one-pager](#). You may also contact [Corrinne Fahl, M.Ed.](#), Assistant Director, Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity, with questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join Penn Libraries for PENN GIS DAY 2021

November 15-19, 10AM-5pm EST

Virtual - [Detail](#)

This year we will celebrate GIS DAY 2021 with a Keynote on November 17 (TBD) and a week-long line up of events including workshops/tutorials, presentations, lightning talks, and project demos.

CALL FOR PRESENTATION:

We are also inviting proposals for 15-minute synchronous or asynchronous presentations, up to 5-minute long lightning talks to showcase project (complete or in-progress) that uses any level of GIS or spatial data as a component, as well as digital posters and exhibits pertaining to mapping, GIS, geospatial research, hands-on demonstration of project website, web-map, story map, or an app.

Open to undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff.

CFP Deadline: November 10, 2021.

Submit presentation: <https://upenn.libwizard.com/f/PennGISday2021>

(NEW) Lecture and Workshops on the Art and Practice of Listening for Social and Individual Change

November 12th, 12-1pm

Join SNF Paideia, the Center for Experimental Ethnography, and Weitzman School of Design, for a noon-time lecture and afternoon experiential workshops focused on **the art and practice of listening**. **Ernesto Pujol**, social choreographer / performance artist, will be in conversation with **Aaron Levy**, designer of Penn Medicine's Listening Lab, to discuss their deep engagement with listening. Following a moderated discussion led by Deborah Thomas (Director, Center for Experimental Ethnography) Pujol and Levy will lead Penn students, faculty, and staff through a deep experiential workshop of their listening practices.

RSVP for lecture : <https://bit.ly/learning-to-listen-troubled-times>

RSVP for Pujol workshop: <https://bit.ly/ExploringArchListening>

RSVP for Levy workshop: <https://bit.ly/ListeningBeyondWords>

Learn about the Penn Libraries InterProfessional Student Advisory Gatherings (**#IPSAG**) by visiting <http://bit.ly/ipsag>.

CBI Fall Symposium

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.

**(NEW) WHO cares? Why scientists should engage with the World Health Organization
Fireside Chat with Dr. Juan Manuel Sotelo MD, PHD, MPH**

On **Wednesday, November 17, at 12:00 p.m. (ET)**, join the Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group (PSPDG) and the Johns Hopkins Science Policy Group (JHSPG) for a fireside chat with a senior international public health professional Dr. Juan Manuel Sotelo who has devoted his career to promoting equity, development, and universal health.

An experienced director of national and cross-national programs throughout South and Central America and the Caribbean, Dr. Sotelo has overseen the political, technical, and managerial aspects of PAHO/WHO operations in Bolivia, Mexico, Argentina, and Chile. He held similar directorships for the Eastern Caribbean and recently completed an assignment to coordinate the PAHO/WHO eight-country Sub-Regional Program for Central America. He has been head of the Department of External Relations, Resource Mobilization, and Partnerships. He has an MD, Ph.D., MPH.

Dr. Sotelo will join the student communities at the University of Pennsylvania and the Johns Hopkins University to discuss what science diplomacy is, what are the different science diplomacy organizations, scientific career and involvement opportunities at the World Health Organization (WHO), and what the day-to-day life at the WHO looks like.

Register [here!](#)

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to penn.science.policy@gmail.com.

(NEW) CTL Workshop: Teaching with Data

Friday, November 19th, 11am – via Zoom

Come join a discussion with Dr. Michael Kane, senior lecturer for the Neuroscience program, about his experience teaching undergraduates using data from scientific papers! We will discuss his approach to increasing students' figure literacy, how he decides which papers to draw from, and his goals for teaching students with data. Please RSVP at the CTL website to get the zoom link: <https://www.ctl.upenn.edu/event/teaching-data>

(NEW) CTL Workshop: Redesigning the Science Classroom with BioRender

Thursday, December 2nd from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Biomedical Research Building Room 253 and online (register for BlueJeans link)

Nina Montoya, a 5th year CAMB-MVP PhD candidate and Brand Ambassador for BioRender, will discuss ways that we can use BioRender to improve our pedagogical approaches in the science classroom.

Note: This workshop counts toward the CTL Teaching Certificate. Please **register** for this workshop here: <https://www.ctl.upenn.edu/event/redesigning-science-classroom-biorender>

(NEW) Neurodegeneration Across All Ages Symposium

This symposium is organized by the labs of Elizabeth Bhoj and Rebecca Ahrens-Nicklas and sponsored by the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI). It will be held virtually on **January 21st, 2022 from 10 am - 5 pm** and will include trainee talks, career development opportunities, and keynote speaker **Dr. Edward Lee** (Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania).

Registration and abstract submission are now open. We are accepting abstract submissions from graduate students and postdoctoral trainees to be considered for short (10 min) or long (30 min) oral presentations. Talks may cover any topic related to neurodegeneration! **Please submit your abstract by December 10th, 2021.**

Registration and abstract submissions can be completed using the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/212635945092156>

Penn 2021 Cores Day Video Presentations Available Online

We are pleased to announce Penn 2021 Cores Day videos are now publicly available. These informative presentations provide an overview of >30 outstanding biomedical research resources and services available throughout our campus. To view the Penn Cores Day 2021 video presentations, please click [here](#). This exciting array of core facility presentations includes an overview of each core facility's services and capabilities as well as the appropriate contact information.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

(NEW) BPC Virtual Session: Navigating the Transition from Postdoc to Industry

Thursday, November 11, 12-1pm

Are you considering positions in industry? Curious about how to apply or what types of jobs are out there? Join our 1-hour virtual panel discussion with former UPenn postdocs who will share their experiences and advice for securing an industry position post-postdoc. This event is hosted by the Biomedical Postdoctoral Council Career Committee.

Panelists:

Jason Goldsmith, M.D./Ph.D. (Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, now at Seres Therapeutics)

Julia Hotek, Ph.D. (Bioengineering, now at Merck)

Deborah Kwon, Ph.D. (CHOP, now at Biogen)

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.**

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 are open! More information can be found [here on our website](#).

Are you a life scientist interested in consulting, business, or entrepreneurship? Do you wonder how game changing decisions are made about our innovative discoveries once they leave the lab?

[Penn Biotech Group \(PBG\)](#) and [Penn Graduate Consulting Club \(PGCC\)](#) will be hosting our second annual Penn Healthcare Case Competition on **November 13, 2021**. This event will provide graduate students and postdocs the exciting opportunity to solve a real-world healthcare problem in teams of 4-6 members, with up to 2 MBA students per team. You will also be able to meet and engage with corporate leaders from top-tier healthcare, biotechnology, consulting, and venture capital firms who will serve as judges. All graduate students and postdocs are welcome to apply. No prior business experience is necessary. Cash prizes will be given to the top three teams, with the first-place team receiving \$4,000!

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.

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

- [Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Career Opportunities](#)
- [Benchspace October Jobs](#)
- [Janssen Research Scientist Position, Immunotherapy Pathway Registry Stronghold](#)
- [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](#)

[Handshake](#)

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STUDENT GROUP EVENTS/RESOURCES

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(NEW) Board Games Night!

November 17, 5-7:30pm, Smilow 08-146AB

Join us for a relaxing night playing board games!

Sponsored by BGSA and Dental.

[BGS Student Organizations](#)

[Peer Support Network \(PSN\)](#)

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

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[BGSA Website](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

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