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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office of the Ombuds – Information on Advanced Scheduling

We want to remind you of a new opportunity to meet with an embedded staff member from the Ombuds Office. They are scheduled to be on site on Mondays from 3:30-6 in CRB 205.

The Office of the Ombuds is a confidential, off the record resource for faculty, staff and students. Their purpose is to assist with the management of conflict, resolution of disputes, and problem solving in relation to obstacles to one's full and successful participation as a member of the Penn community. See the full flyer [here](#).

In order to maximize the opportunity to meet with the Ombuds Office while staff is on site at PSOM, individuals are encouraged to **schedule meetings in advance** by going [here](#). Drop-ins hoping to

meet may find that a scheduled session is already in progress; advanced scheduling will ensure the availability of the Ombuds at a specific time.

Onsite CAPS Counselor for BGS Students

Tiffany Brown, PhD, psychologist at CAPS, will host weekly, on-site meetings with BGS students on **Wednesdays from 3-7 PM in Smilow Conference Room 1-103**. Smilow 1-103 is located in the hallway south of Rubenstein Auditorium.

Dr. Brown's services are confidential. 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.

Regeneron Prize for Creative Innovation in Biomedicine

University Nomination Required

Campus Nomination Deadline: 10AM on February 3

Penn is invited to nominate two graduate students for the Regeneron Prize for Creative Innovation, which recognizes excellence in biomedicine, broadly defined. Each year, one graduate student and one postdoctoral fellow are selected to receive the prize, which includes a check for \$50,000 and a \$5,000 donation to their home institution to help support their seminar series. Semi-finalists and finalists receive \$5,000. To be considered for Penn nomination, applicants must submit the [Regeneron Application Form](#) and a [Recommendation Request Form](#) that will, upon completion and submission by the applicant, send a recommendation request to your Penn faculty advisor. Applicants should **not** submit the application directly to Regeneron. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Aaron Olson at CURF, aolson@upenn.edu.

Penn TA Prize – Nominations Open

Nominations for the Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students are now open, with a deadline of **February 7, 2020**. More information about the prize and a link to the nomination form are found here: <https://provost.upenn.edu/teaching-at-penn/penn-ta-prize>

Reach out to Ian Petrie (petrie@upenn.edu) in the Center for Teaching and Learning with any questions.

JBS 2020 Student Leadership Awards – Nominations Open

The JBS Graduate Student Leadership Award recognizes a University of Pennsylvania graduate student who has had an impact on the diverse community at Penn. Learn more about the criteria [here](#).

Faculty/staff can submit a nomination through this [link](#). The student form can be found [here](#). In order to complete the nomination, the nominee must accept the nomination through the student form by **Sunday, February 16, 2020 at Midnight ET**. In order to be eligible for the awards, all winners must attend the James Brister Society's 25th Annual Student and Faculty Leadership Awards Reception on Friday, March 27, 2020 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Jordan Medical Education Center located within the Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine, 3400 Civic Center Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Please contact Marvin Rocha at 215-898-6168 or email at marvin@upenn.edu with any questions

HTRS Student Research Award

Applications are now open for the **2020 HTRS Student Research Awards (SRA)**, an 8- to 10-week program for medical, PhD, MD/PhD, or PharmD students working on targeted research projects in hemostasis and thrombosis. Proposed projects may be lab-based, clinical or epidemiologic in design. The program includes a \$5,000 award stipend plus a \$2,000 travel allowance, collaboration with a research mentor, and a presentation at a 2021 professional meeting. Applications are now open. **The application deadline is March 2, 2020**. Up to three fellowships will be awarded. For more details, see the [Request for Applications](#).

To apply, please visit <https://htrs.smapply.org>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PennDemic II Coming February 15, 2020. Apply today!

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 in 2018, we are excited to announce PennDemic II: 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.

The event is free, but space is limited! Applications are due **Monday 27 January, 2020!**

Click [here](#) for a video from the 2018 event and a link to the application.

Institute for Regenerative Medicine Retreat 2020

Registration is now open for the Institute for Regenerative Medicine's annual retreat! Join them on **January 30, 2020 at the Franklin Institute** to hear from researchers across Penn and CHOP working on stem cell science, tissue engineering, and regenerative medicine. You will also hear about plans for the IRM's next 5 years and resources to help support your research and outreach efforts.

Trainees are invited to submit abstracts for a poster session and lightning talks. When [registering](#), indicate your interest and send an abstract to yaroshc@penmedicine.upenn.edu.

This year, the keynote speaker will be [Paul Frenette, MD](#), Director of the Ruth L. and David S. Gottesman Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Research at Albert Einstein Medical College. Dr. Frenette is an expert on hematopoietic stem cell (HSC) biology and the connections between HSCs and cancer and sickle cell disease.

Visit the [retreat website](#) for more information and to register.

THESIS DEFENSES

Jan. 30, 1 PM (BRB Gaulton Auditorium): **Thomas Burn (IGG), "RAG beyond recombination: Additional functions of RAG1 in T cell development and tolerance."** Contact [Mary Taylor](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Jan. 30, 12 – 1 PM (4054 Colket): **Office Hours: CAMB Vice Chair Craig Bassing.** Contact [Craig Bassing](#).

Jan. 31, 12 – 1:30 PM: **DSRB Program Lunch: Erin Doody (Poethig lab), Sarshan Pather (Song lab), and Kelly Sullivan (Bashaw lab) presenting.** Contact [Meagan Schofer](#).

Jan. 31, 4:30 – 6:30 PM: **G&E Fantastic Final Friday.** Contact [Meagan Schofer](#).

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ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article - [Brainwashed](#) (Parasites can literally control the minds of other creatures) by Carolyn Keating.
- Check out the [PhD Career Exploration Fellowship](#) which encourages non-faculty career exploration among doctoral students by facilitating shadowing experiences and fostering mentorship relationships with advanced-degree holding professionals. The application deadline is **Thursday, January 30, 2020**.
- Use the new [GFAP form](#) when making purchases and asking for reimbursements.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

No events scheduled this week

FUTURE EVENTS

02/04 5:30pm - 7:30pm (Location TBD) - BiB writing workshop

02/07 12pm - 1pm (Location TBD) - FSS: Committee Meetings

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Penn Career Services' 2020 PhD Career Exploration Externship

The [PhD Career Exploration Fellowship](#) (formerly the PhD Externship) program encourages non-faculty career exploration among doctoral students by facilitating shadowing experiences and fostering mentorship relationships with advanced-degree holding professionals. This unpaid opportunity allows doctoral students to gain hands-on, real-world career experience in administrative offices, libraries, pharmaceuticals, museums, science outreach, and other centers on Penn's campus and in the Philadelphia area. Students can use this experience to cultivate a stronger professional profile and to develop career-readiness competencies and administrative skills in preparation for a range of careers.

The application deadline is **Thursday, January 30, 2020**. All applications will be through Handshake at this link: <https://upenn.joinhandshake.com/jobs/3417819>

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Career Services' PhD Professionalism Fellow, Kate Webb (katwebb@pennteam.upenn.edu).

NEW! Career Path Alumni Videos

As a reminder, the BGS Career Development Site features a wide variety of resources, from a description of the [Core Competencies](#) developed through predoctoral training to [websites for career](#)

[exploration](#). Noteworthy among the site's resources is the 'Career Paths' section, which provides a description of the profession, advantages of an advanced degree, key competencies, on-campus student organizations, first steps, alumni videos, and resources.

Two new alumni videos have been uploaded to the site. [Andrew Rennekamp](#), Scientific Editor at Cell Press, and [Robert DeAngelis](#), Assistant Director of IACUC Administration at the University of Pennsylvania, share insights on their respective fields of publishing and regulatory affairs. The BGS alumni describe their typical day, the things they like most and least about their chosen career, the typical traits and skills required, and much more.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Jan. 29, 12 -2 PM (Richards Building, Seminar Room B102B): **Walk-in Wednesday with Penn Career Services!** 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. See flyer [here](#).

Jan. 31, 11AM – 3PM (Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street): **Spring Career + Internship Fair 2020.** Participating industries include consulting, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and more! To see a list of registered employers online, please visit: https://upenn.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/13047.

FUTURE EVENTS

Feb. 4, 4:30 – 6 PM (World Forum Room, Perry World House): **International Graduate Student Networking Reception.** Penn Career Services will host this event for International Graduate Students. **Janis Moore Campbell**, a professionalism expert, will give a professional networking presentation followed by a networking reception with international Penn alumni. This will be a great opportunity for international graduate students to hone their networking skills and to connect with alumni. International students are encouraged to register [here](#).

Feb. 24, 3:30 – 5 PM (Smilow 12-146 AB): **The Attractions of a Career in Academic Bench Science.** This event is part of the [BGS Career Development series](#). *Have you mostly heard about 'alternatives' to a career at the bench? Does carrying out research, writing grants and manuscripts, and supervising others appear overwhelming? Are there secrets to being an academic scientist while balancing family life and managing well-being? How much fun is life in academia, really?* Hear positive perspectives on academia from **Doctors Faye Mourkioti, Assistant Professor, and Ken Zaret, Professor.** Light refreshments will be served! RSVP: <https://forms.gle/7A5wLUXh8CET15NT9>

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](#)

[Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences](#)

STUDENT GROUPS & SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACNAS Outreach Opportunity

We are excited to share SACNAS chapter's first outreach opportunity for the new year – Science Education Academy (SEA)! SEA is a non-profit STEM program whose aim is to support elementary students with hands-on experience with scientific method and inquiry

<http://scienceeducationacademy.com/about/>.

The winter program is focused on physical sciences. SEA occurs every Saturday from **January 25** through **February 29**. We are looking for volunteers to guide elementary students through organized science activities for at least TWO Saturdays, from 9am – 12pm. SACNAS will provide transportation to and from SEA (51st & Pine). Please note, new SEA volunteers will need to undergo a Pennsylvania criminal background check before beginning of the session.

Special thank you to all of our volunteers from the fall module. We had so much fun and hope that more of you will get to join us this semester!

If you are interested in participating in this exciting partnership, please fill out this google form and we will contact you shortly: <https://forms.gle/fwH8asJ7W5UD3Nnf7>.

Feel free to email me with any questions: ueharak@penncare.org

Call for Donations – Recycle Styrofoam Boxes for Cat Shelters!

BGS students have partnered with Project Meow to collect styrofoam boxes, to be recycled as winter shelters for Philadelphia's stray cat population. Project Meow is collecting till late spring. Please contact Sharon ([484 437-4501](tel:484-437-4501)) to pick up from you. You will need bring the boxes outside, since she does not have building access. She will be waiting outside in the car.

See flyer [here](#).

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Jan. 28 5 – 7 PM (Houston Hall Class of '49 Auditorium): **Nerd Night Quizzo**. Join the Grad Center and GAPSA for a fun, fast-paced night of trivia about all things nerdy and entertaining: science fiction, fantasy, anime, comics, video games, and more! Space is limited! Learn more and sign up [here](#).

Jan. 28, 5:30 PM (CRB 302): **BGS January Board Game Night**. Bring yourselves, bring your games, bring your competitive side! See flyer [here](#).

Jan. 30, 5:30 PM (Johnson Foundation Library, 2nd Floor of Anat/Chem Bldg.): **Science Diplomacy Movie Night**. What do you do when pandemic hits? Who are the key actors? How does widespread fear drive communication tactics? Hang out for a relaxing movie night with PSPDG. See flyer [here](#).

Jan. 30, 6 PM (129 S. 30th St): **BGSA Happy Hour at The Post**. Come join us in celebrating the start of a new semester! Drinks & food provided. See flyer [here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

None.

RESOURCES

[Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences](#)

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Calendar of BGSA Events](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Family Center at Penn](#)

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[The Community Impact Fund](#)

[Penn Today Events](#)

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

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