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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

HTRS Student Research Award Applications Now Open

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.

Penn Nursing Innovation Events – Open to Penn Community

Penn Nursing Innovation Accelerator Pitch Event

January 22, 2020 from 3-5 PM in Fagin Hall Auditorium
Register [here](#).

Nursing Story Slam

February 12, 2020 at 6 PM in the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
Register [here](#).

THESIS DEFENSES

Jan. 22, 9 AM (BRB Gaulton Auditorium): **Kelly Zullo (IGG)**, “**LINGO3, a new way of discussing mucosal barrier biology.**” Contact [Mary Taylor](#).

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMB

Jan. 23, 12 – 1 PM: **GTV Trainee Seminar: Sangya Agarwal (June lab) and Erin Reagan (Bar/Weissman labs) presenting.** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Jan. 23, 2 – 3 PM (9-104 Smilow): **Office Hours: CAMB Chair Dan Kessler.** Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Jan. 24, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress Seminar: Corey Holman (Seale Lab) and Michael Neinast (Arany lab) presenting.** Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#).

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ANNOUNCEMENT

- **New!** Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article - [Stressed Out](#) by Greer Prettyman. Stress early in life can change how the brain reacts to more stress later.
- **New!** 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**.
- **New!** We are accepting nominations for the *Student-Invited Speaker Series!* Take this opportunity to invite and host a MINS speaker of your own choosing. To nominate a speaker [fill out the Google form](#). To join the selection committee for speakers, contact Mike Iannacone (iannm@pennterms.upenn.edu).
- Use the new [GFAP form](#) when making purchases and asking for reimbursements.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

01/21 5:30pm - 6:30pm (Barchi) - Data Eclipse (Theme: Dealing with Negative Data)

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

AAAS CASE Workshop 2020

Penn has been invited to sponsor 2-3 students (across Penn) to attend the CASE Workshop: Catalyzing Advocacy for Science and Engineering. The workshop will be held Sunday, March 29 - Wednesday, April 1, 2020 in Washington, DC. Students will spend several days learning about the structure and organization of Congress, the federal budget and appropriations process, and tools for effective science communication and civic engagement. Please visit the CASE Workshop [website](#) for more details. The internal Penn deadline for nominations from the schools is in early February.

If you are interested in attending, please complete this [google form](#) no later than **Friday, 1/24 with your name, graduate group, year of training, and reason(s) for wishing to attend this conference**. A few sentences to a paragraph will suffice. Depending on the number of responses, preference will likely be given to senior students.

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@penncareer.upenn.edu).

Free Online Courses – iBiology

iBiology offers a number of free online courses for professional development, including:

- Let's Experiment: A Guide for Scientists Working at the Bench
- Planning Your Scientific Journey
- Business Concepts for Life Scientists

Learn more [here!](#)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Jan. 21, 10AM – 12PM and 12:30 – 2PM (Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall): **Science Communication Workshop 4: Scientific Writing**. More info [here](#).

Jan. 22, 12 -2 PM (**Richards Building, Seminar Room B102B**): **Walk-in Wednesday with Penn Career Services!** Please note the new location for Spring 2020! 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](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

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.

CALENDAR

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RESOURCES

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

[Penn Career Services - Ph.D./Postdoc Careers Page](#)

[Handshake](#)

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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@pennmedicine.upenn.edu

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](tel:4844374501)) 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](#).

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Jan. 21, 10AM – 12PM and 12:30 – 2PM (Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall): **Science Communication Workshop 4: Scientific Writing** - Communicating science is hard. Are you struggling to communicate your scientific goals in your prelim, grant proposal, or maybe your first paper? Join Dr. Judith Swan, renowned scientific writing expert in two related but distinct workshops on how to clarify your cause, and persuade your reader. Refreshments provided. **RSVP Required, space is limited:** <http://bit.ly/SciComm4>

Jan. 23, 12 PM (Grad Center #302): **Weekly Guided Meditation.** Join your fellow students for guided meditation with Sandi Herman of Campus Health Initiatives. Register in [advance!](#)

Jan. 24, 11 AM (1001 BRB): **PGWISE Lattes with the Ladies.** This session will feature Dr. Jackie Perrigoue, a former IGG alum, who currently holds a position as an Associate Scientific Director for Janssen Pharmaceuticals. Light refreshments will be provided. Space is limited so please RSVP at the following event link: <https://forms.gle/vmCsYDpRcrSTVoJ99>

Jan. 24, 5 – 6:30 PM (Grad Center First Floor): **Fourth Fridays @ Five: Winter Wonderland.** Take a break to warm up and enjoy hot cocoa & cider, cookie decorating, and more at our winter themed happy hour! Graduate students with valid Penn ID receive two drink tickets. Register [here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 28 5 – 7 PM (Houston Hall Class of '49 Auditorium): **Nerd Night Quizzo.** Join the Grad Center and GAPSAs 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. 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](#).

RESOURCES

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