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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Research Resumption – Virtual Town Hall Today (May 26) at Noon**

BGS Students - In preparation for Phase I of research resumption, please plan to attend a Virtual Town Hall with Dawn Bonnell on Tuesday, May 26th at noon. Visit <https://research.upenn.edu/town-hall/> for more information.

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### **Voting is Open for BGSA Executive Board Nominees until 6/5/20!**

Vote for BGSA Executive board nominees for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Want to learn more about the nominees? [Do that here!](#)

Then [Vote here!](#)

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## **SACNAS Chapter Board Elections - now accepting nominations!**

Our SACNAS Chapter **E-Board Elections** are fast approaching!

Looking for new ways to get involved with the Penn SACNAS Chapter? Know someone you think would be interested in joining the board?

Please click [here](#) to nominate yourself and/or others to any of our board positions! Through this link, you will also find more information on the election process and the responsibilities of each board position.

Elections timeline:

**June 12th** - last day to submit nominations

**June 21st** - last day to accept nominations

**June 26th** - virtual elections via online form

**June 29th** - election results announced

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## **BGS Graduation - Video of May 18, 2020 Ceremony and Profiles of Graduates**

Many thanks to those of you who joined us on May 18 for our virtual graduation! A recording of the ceremony as well as profiles highlighting each of our graduates are available here:

<https://med.upenn.edu/bgs/bgs-virtual-graduation-2020.html>

[#BGSGraduation2020](#)

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## **CAPS Counselor for BGS Students**

**Tiffany Brown, PhD**, psychologist at CAPS, remains available to meet with BGS students virtually.

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](mailto:nicobr@upenn.edu).

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## **2020-2021 Nominations for NRSA T32s**

**Cell and Molecular Biology - June 15 deadline**

**Genetics - June 15 deadline**

These training grants are soliciting nominations of graduate students for the 2020-2021 academic year through a BGS-managed web-based system. Learn more here:

<https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/2020-2021-nominations-for-nrsa-t32s.html>

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### **Request for Applications to the NIH Structural Biology and Molecular Biophysics Pre-Doctoral Training Program 2020-2021**

The NIH Structural Biology and Molecular Biophysics (SBTG) pre-doctoral training program is seeking applications for appointments beginning 9/1/2020 and running through 8/31/2021. **The application deadline is 12 pm, Friday June 19, 2020.**

The program supports 3rd year Ph.D. students and 4th year for combined degree students for one year. Applications are now being accepted from rising 3rd year Ph.D students or rising 4th year combined degree students only for appointment to the 2020-2021 year of the training program. Learn more [here](#).

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### **ITMAT Education – TL1/T32 Slots Available for Certificate in Regulatory Science**

**Deadline:** June 22

*Due to COVID related concerns, deadline extensions will be considered.*

ITMAT Education's Certificate in Regulatory Science provides PhD students with training to build upon their scientific expertise and prepares them to understand regulatory strategy, the execution of clinical trials, and approaches to translate early discoveries and preclinical investigations into therapeutics. This program is designed for PhD students who wish to pursue regulatory science careers in academia, the pharmaceutical & biotechnology industry, consulting and legal industries, and federal agencies.

The certificate includes a one-year engagement in a regulatory science 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/CertificateinRegulatoryScience.html>

Contact Bethany Germany, [bgermany@upenn.edu](mailto:bgermany@upenn.edu) or Andrew Fesnak, MD, [fesnak@penncare.upenn.edu](mailto:fesnak@penncare.upenn.edu) to learn more.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

None this week.

# THESIS DEFENSES

May 28, 12 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/240808941>): **Kevin Alicea-Torres (CAMB), "Type 1 Interferon: A Negative Regulator of Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Cells Function in Cancer."**  
Contact [Anna Kline](#).

# PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CAMB**

May 26 – 29: G&E PhD Prelim Exams

May 27 – May 28: DSRB PhD Prelim Exams

May 27, 10 AM: GTV Student Check-in. Contact [Anna Kline](#) for BlueJeans link.

May 27, 2-4 PM: CAMB Chair Dan Kessler's Virtual Office Hours. Sign up [here](#) for a virtual meeting.  
Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

May 28, 5:30 – 6:30 PM: DSRB Virtual Happy Hour. Contact [Meagan Schofer](#) for Zoom link.

May 29, 12 – 1:30 PM: DSRB Program "Lunch": Christopher Greer (Stedman lab), Nicholas Holdreith (Tong lab), and Samantha Russell (Bashaw lab) presenting. Contact [Meagan Schofer](#) for BlueJeans link.

## **CAMB Preliminary Exams (PhD and CD)**

Preliminary exams for the PhD programs begin in May. Combined degree exams will take place in June. To see the complete schedule of exams, click [here](#).

## **NGG**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- **New!** Check out this week's PennNeuroKnow article [Active by Default](#) by *Greer Prettyman*. What the brain's default mode network can teach us about ourselves...

### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Thur & Fri 05/28 & 05/29 1:00-5:00pm** - NTG/Vision/CANAC Retreat (register here: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/vc3ilxy6/1>)

Daily 'Meet an NGG alum' sessions this week (<https://upenn.bluejeans.com/2277199130>)

**Tue, 05/26 12:00-12:30 pm** - Christopher Vecsey

**Wed, 05/27 12:00-12:30 pm** - Jonathan Lifshitz

**Thur, 05/28 8:30-9:00 am** - Cassia Cearley

**Fri, 05/29 8:30-9:00 am** - Keith Feigenson

## **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

### **Illustrator Training with Penn Biomed Library**

**Tue, May 26, 2020, 12:00 PM EDT**

Do you have data you want to share with the world, but get stuck whenever you leave PowerPoint? Want to create better figures for posters and publications? On May 26, Lexi Voss, Visualizationist for the Penn Biomedical Library, will walk you through the basics of Adobe Illustrator and get you on the path to professional diagrams and figures. [Registration](#) is required to receive workshop materials. Hope to see you then!

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### **Virtual Career Session for Scientific Leadership at GSK by Penn Alum**

Join Penn Bioengineering for a virtual Q&A session with Jamie Ifkovitz, PhD on **Tuesday, May 26th at 2-3PM EST.**

Link here: <https://bluejeans.com/7968127300/>

Dr. Ifkovitz earned her PhD in BE at Penn with Professor Jason Burdick. Following this, she conducted a Postdoc at Penn with Professor John Gearhart before starting a Research Scientist position at GSK, where she now serves as a Scientific Leader. Come to learn about how Dr. Ifkovitz found success in the transition from academia to industry!

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### **NYAS Webinar: Science Beyond Borders 2020**

Webinar Details: **Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT**

[Register here.](#)

Join NYAS for a one-on-one conversation with **Mahlet Mesfin, PhD, Visiting Scholar at the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement** and author of the recently published article in Foreign Affairs magazine, "[It Takes a World to End a Pandemic.](#)" Mesfin will discuss the importance of international science engagement, scientific collaborations, and partnerships in finding solutions to global issues and how she navigated a career in Science Diplomacy after receiving a PhD in bioengineering from the University of Pennsylvania.

**To receive a discounted registration fee for this and other NYAS webinars, sign up for a complimentary 1-year membership to NYAS through PSOM: [NYAS.ORG/PERELMAN](https://www.nyas.org/perelman).**

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### **iBiology Business Concepts for Life Scientists**

Check out iBiology's newly released Educator Guide for the Business Concepts for Life Scientists course: [https://courses.ibiology.org/educator\\_resources/BCLS](https://courses.ibiology.org/educator_resources/BCLS)

The course content covers business strategy, finance and business development, built specifically for scientists. The course helps prepare scientists who want to start their own labs, and inform scientists who want to go into industry.

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### **PennRSSA Graduate Assistants Needed**

*Applications to be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning **Tuesday, May 26, 2020***

The University of Pennsylvania Division of Student Engagement is seeking 100 current Penn graduate and professional students who are interested in serving this summer as graduate assistants (GAs) for the Penn Rising Senior Summer Academy (PennRSSA), an adaptive, pioneering new program serving rising seniors attending public and public charter high schools in the School District of Philadelphia.

GAs will receive a stipend of \$2,000 for their participation in the program, which, including staff training, will run for 5 weeks. GAs should expect to work 20 hours per week and must be available to work between the hours of 10am-2pm on weekdays.

See the full announcement [here](#) and apply [here](#). Contact [penn-rssa@upenn.edu](mailto:penn-rssa@upenn.edu) with any questions.

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### **CPRIT TRIUMPH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Cancer Research**

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is currently accepting applications for the CPRIT TRIUMPH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Cancer Research. This three-year fellowship provides basic, translational, and clinical training and aims to further develop talented PhD or MD/PhDs into successful clinical/translational research scientists. Applications are reviewed quarterly with the next cycle due dates of **June 30, 2020 and September 30, 2020**.

Additional information regarding eligibility, application process, and current trainees and program alumni profiles are found at [www.mdanderson.org/CPRITTRIUMPH](http://www.mdanderson.org/CPRITTRIUMPH). Please contact Dr. Kari Brewer Savannah, Program Manager, with any questions at [ksavannah@mdanderson.org](mailto:ksavannah@mdanderson.org).

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## Daily Phone “Drop-Ins” with Penn Career Services

In place of walk-ins, Career Services is offering a variety of phone and web appointments, which students can schedule through [Handshake](#). These include the option for same-day, 15-minute appointments with a career adviser. New appointment times open up every day at 9:15 AM ET. To schedule an appointment, sign in to Handshake and click the “Career Center” tab near the top right corner.

Twitter users can also follow [@PennCareerJobs](#), a daily automated feed that highlights new job posts. And be sure you’ve customized your email settings in Handshake to receive a weekly newsletter featuring jobs and resources tailored to you! Detailed instructions on how to do so are available [here](#).

### RESOURCES

[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](#)

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

## STUDENT RESOURCES

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Family Center at Penn](#)

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

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