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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Health and Safety on Campus - Fall Semester**

**Penn Policies.** Please be sure to read the [University's current statement](#) on health and safety, and please refer to the resources for [research resumption](#) for the fall. In particular, please note that if you intend to come to campus for any reason, you must do the EHRS training in KnowledgeLink: To find the course in Knowledge Link, search "Penn Guide to Returning to Campus Training- EHRS" in the [Find Learning](#) search box on your My Learning screen, or use this direct link: [Penn Guide to Returning to Campus](#). In addition, you must participate in [PennOpen Pass](#).

**Penn Medicine Masks Now Available.** Perelman School of Medicine-branded masks are now available for students who are coming to campus. You may pick up your mask at the Security Office, 109 Stellar-Chance, between 10am-3pm Monday-Friday. The Security Office has a list of student names. You will need to show your PennCard.

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## **BGS Commuting Survey**

BGS has created a survey to identify needs and concerns you may have with regard to commuting and being on campus in the fall semester.

If you are not living within commuting distance of campus this semester, you will have only 1 question to answer. If you are living in the Philadelphia area but are not planning to commute to campus this semester, you will have only 4 questions to answer. Otherwise, there are 14 questions. It should take about 5 or so minutes to complete, depending on whether you wish to provide comments. Note that some questions refer to the [Penn Buses](#) and the [Penn Walking Escort Service](#).

The survey link is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8TRMJSY>. Please provide your input by **Friday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

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## **COVID SAFE: Open for Enrollment**

Please see the following announcement from Dr. Jon Epstein regarding enrollment for surveillance testing through COVID SAFE: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/evdcommunications/covid-safe-open-for-enrollment.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact the [COVID SAFE](#) team.

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## **BGS Peer Support Network - one-on-one counseling sessions now available!**

The Peer Support Network (PSN) is now offering confidential one-on-one counseling sessions and town hall-style group discussions!

The PSN recognizes that each BGS student faces unique challenges and that sometimes, talking with a peer can be a helpful first step in working through those challenges. Our PSN volunteers, consisting of fellow BGS students and alumni, are available to provide students with a listening ear and to help students navigate these emotionally difficult situations. To request PSN services and connect with a volunteer, please complete the following [form](#).

Interested in volunteering? PSN is actively recruiting individuals with an interest in helping their peers through stressful and challenging situations. To learn more about volunteer requirements and to sign up as a PSN volunteer, visit our website at <https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/psn-get-involved.html>

Please visit our website at <https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/psn.html> to learn more about PSN. Additional questions may be emailed to [bgspeernetwork@gmail.com](mailto:bgspeernetwork@gmail.com).

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## **BGSA Fall Virtual Elections**

BGSA is having Fall virtual elections for the academic year 2020-2021 executive board and student group representatives. This [document](#) includes all the positions up for election, names and emails of current students in each position and details for how the election will be run.

**Please be advised that every graduate group needs a student group representative in order to access their discretionary funds.**

BGSA Executive Board Position Nominations Close **Wednesday Sept 30th at 8:00pm**. Use this [link](#) to nominate yourself or someone else for our open positions! Please email [bgsa.chair@gmail.com](mailto:bgsa.chair@gmail.com) with questions and concerns.

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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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### **Penn Medicine VotER Initiative**

Those who are eligible can visit <http://vot-er.org/penn>, text **VOTE PENN** to 34444, or scan the [QR code](#) to register to vote and/or request a mail-in ballot. Each option takes just a few minutes. The last day to register to vote in Pennsylvania is October 19, 2020.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Science Communication Workshop Series 2020-2021**

The Penn Science Policy & Diplomacy Group (PSPDG) is kicking off their Science Communication workshop for the new academic year 2020/2021!

The first workshop, "Scientific Storytelling" is **September 30th!** Details will be sent to all people who [register](#).

See the flyer [here](#). To receive updates about upcoming workshops, join the [SciComm Workshop Slack!](#)

More info can also be found on their website: <https://pennsciencepolicy.squarespace.com/workshop-series>.

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**Cancer and COVID-19: Update from Penn's Abramson Cancer Center**  
**September 30, 2020, 5:45PM - 8:45PM**

This event is designed to focus on the major areas in which the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted how cancer care is delivered and experienced by patients. Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director NIAID and Founding Member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force to Deliver Keynote. Dr. Fauci will share his latest insights on COVID-19, the state of the science, and the impact of the pandemic on cancer. Register [here](#).

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**Penn in Latin America and the Caribbean (PLAC) 5th Annual Symposium**

The Penn in Latin America and Caribbean's 5th Annual Symposium RSVPs are open! Please [RSVP here](#) to attend the virtual conference on 9/30 *Social* theme, 10/1 *Scientific* theme & 10/2 *Cultural* theme at 12 PM. To see a rough draft of the 9/30 program, [please click here](#).

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**REGISTRATION OPEN - 15th Annual ITMAT International Symposium**

Dr. Garret FitzGerald and the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics at the University of Pennsylvania cordially invite you to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual ITMAT International Symposium, which will take place as a **free virtual event** on **Mon. Oct. 12 and Tues. Oct. 13, 2020**. The symposium program is [attached](#); this year's theme is Novel Therapeutics and Democratization of Access: Implementation of Translational Science.

**Register here** (registration is required): <https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/register/zxtzbeaj>. For inquiries please contact [Genevieve D. Markle](#).

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**SACNAS Outreach Opportunity – Oct. 10 & 17**

SACNAS is excited to announce the first outreach opportunity this semester – [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. SEA will continue to provide quality and engaging programming to students during the COVID-19 pandemic through a virtual platform on Saturday mornings.

SEA's upcoming sessions are **Saturday, October 10th, and October 17th at 9:30 am**. They are looking for volunteers to guide students through "Do-it-yourself" science activities and/or give a short science pop talk about their research. If you are interested in participating, register [here](#).

## **THESIS DEFENSES**

Oct. 1, 10 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/846313256>): **Devin Fisher (CAMB), "Teasing apart the immune response to a virus-derived adjuvant: Insights into type 1 immunity inducing vaccine development."** Contact [Anna Kline](#).

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CAMB**

Sep. 30, 2-4 PM: **CAMB Chair Dan Kessler's Virtual Office Hours.** Sign Up [here](#) for a virtual meeting. Contact [Dan Kessler](#).

Oct. 1, 2-4 PM: **CAMB Symposium: Poster Sessions.** Check the [CAMB website](#) for more information. Contact [Anna Kline](#).

Oct. 2, 8am – 3:30pm: **23rd Annual CAMB Symposium.** Check the [CAMB website](#) for more information. Contact [Anna Kline](#).

### **NGG**

#### **CALENDARS**

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### **Events this Week**

- Sep. 29, 10:30 – 11:30 AM EDT: **September STEM Chats with Graduate Alumni.** Check out Career Services' upcoming online chat with Penn alum [Peter Dong, Ph.D.](#), Director, Scientific Services, OrtleBio (Neuroscience). [REGISTER](#).
- Sep. 30: **PSPDG Science Communication workshop, "Scientific Storytelling."** Details will be sent to all people who [register](#). See the flyer [here](#). To receive updates about upcoming workshops, join the [SciComm Workshop Slack!](#) More info can also be found on their [website](#).

### **Future Events**

- Oct. 5, 12-1 PM via Zoom: **ITMAT Ed Regulatory Science Career Panel.** Attend to learn about academic and industry career pathways in regulatory science, the science of applying

contemporary research methods to develop new tools, standards, and approaches to access the efficacy, quality, and performance of FDA-regulated products. Please [RSVP](#).

- Oct. 12 – 13: **15th Annual ITMAT International Symposium**. Dr. Garret FitzGerald and the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics at the University of Pennsylvania cordially invite you to attend this **free virtual event**. The symposium program is [attached](#); this year's theme is Novel Therapeutics and Democratization of Access: Implementation of Translational Science. [Register here](#); for inquiries please contact [Genevieve D. Markle](#).
- Oct. 13 – 14: **AAAS' 45th Annual Science and Technology Policy Forum**. This is a free, virtual event for those interested in policy to come together to discuss current challenges at the intersection of science, policy and society. [Register here](#).
- Oct. 15, 2 PM ET: **AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship Q&A, "Ask a Fellow Anything."** AAAS has organized this live chat to share information about their Science & Technology Fellowship. [Register here](#). Please note – [applications](#) for the fellowship are open! The deadline to apply is November 1, 2020.

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### **Genentech Postdoc Program**

**Applications due October 19, 2020**

Applications are now open for the [Genentech Postdoc Program](#)! This is an exciting opportunity that enables students to apply for a postdoc position in any Genentech mentor's lab regardless of whether they have a current opening posted. Click [here](#) for more information and application requirements.

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### **ITMAT Request for Applications**

**Applications due October 23, 2020**

ITMAT is pleased to announce a request for applications for its education programs in clinical and translational science. With continued support from the NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), we offer funded educational opportunities for:

- Predoctoral Students (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, Biomedical Sciences)
- Postdoctoral Trainees (GME Residents, Fellows, Postdoctoral PhDs)
- Junior Faculty (Instructor, Research Associate, Assistant Professor)

[A detailed overview of ITMAT's Education Funding Opportunities including how to apply is available on our website.](#)

Interested applicants are encouraged to [contact us](#).

**Please note – 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.' [Both forms are available here.](#)

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## U-M Medical School November Postdoc Preview

Applications due September 30, 2020

Twice a year, University of Michigan Medical School hosts Postdoc Preview, a recruiting event that awards 20 upper-level graduate students the opportunity to explore the extensive postdoctoral research and training opportunities in biomedical sciences available at U-M. During a **three-day virtual visit (November 9-11, 2020)**, invited candidates will have the opportunity to interview with prospective mentors, network with current postdocs, and learn about life in Ann Arbor. Applicants are selected from a national pool of candidates who expect to complete their thesis research by Summer 2021.

See the full announcement [here](#).

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## Job Openings

- **Sr. Research Investigator / Principal Investigator, Pharmacology – Incyte** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Postdoctoral Training Fellow - The Francis Crick Institute** - See full announcement [here](#).
- **Postdoctoral Research Positions in the Dreyfuss Lab** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Morrison & Foerster LLP seeking Entry Level Patent Agents or Scientific Analysts** – See full announcement [here](#).

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

## 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](#)

[Roommate Ads – Google Doc](#)

[BGS Website](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Family Center at Penn](#)

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

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