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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Counseling and Wellness**

[Counseling and Psychological Services](#) 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/tplochours/>  
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](mailto:nicobr@upenn.edu)] or by calling 215-898-7021 (press 2). Demand for Dr. Brown's

services is currently high, but you may arrange to work with other CAPS counselors by calling the main CAPS number.

For peer support networking, please feel free to reach out to one of the BGS student volunteers of [Peer Support Network](#).

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### **Expanded route and hours through Penn Shuttle Service**

The PSOM Shuttle Service with expanded route and hours is now operational! The buses are labeled "PSOM Center City" – see photo, route, and schedule [here](#).

Additional details: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/evdcommunications/follow-up-and-options-for-a-safe-commute-home.html>

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### **COVID-19 Testing**

Please be aware that testing is available in Houston Hall. Details, including appointment scheduling links, are available here: <https://wellness.upenn.edu/coronavirus/#About-Testing-at-Hall-of-Flags>

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### **Project Meow Accepting Donations**

Project Meow builds winter shelters for the stray cats of West Philadelphia. More than 500 shelters were constructed last season! They are once again accepting donations of large styrofoam boxes (Illumina boxes are ideal). See flyer [here](#); contact [Anne Froehling](#) (215)-485-6121 to arrange pick up outside the building.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Failing Forward: A Faculty Forum**

**Tuesday, December 15th at 7pm**

The Immunology Graduate Student Association (IGA) will be hosting **Failing Forward: A Faculty Forum** virtually on **Tuesday, December 15th at 7pm**. Join us for a celebration of failures as a gateway to success and hear about our faculty's stories of failures. If you have questions that you would like to ask the forum or individual faculty members, please submit your questions through this google [form](#). See flyer [here](#)!

**ZOOM LINK:** <https://penmedicine.zoom.us/j/93758899224>

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**Drop in workshops now through Finals week: LIBRARY 101**

## The basic tools to getting books, articles, and other materials digitally or in print

Are you working on a paper and need to quickly get your hands on books, articles, or other media from the Penn Libraries? Discover the best way to request something for pick up at Van Pelt Library, or have it mailed directly to your door, or to receive a PDF scan of an article or book chapter. **Library 101** will make it easy and has the answers for you.

Even if you only have **5 minutes**, feel free to pop in with all your questions about Pickup@Penn, Books by Mail, Request Digital Delivery and getting things from other libraries via Borrow Direct, E-ZBorrow and Interlibrary Loan. Find out "How to Library"! In the meantime, check out our [Library 101 video tutorials](#).

[Link to dates, times and registration](#)

# THESIS DEFENSES

Dec. 16, 10 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/377677669>): **Mariel Coradin (BMB)**, "Investigating the role of histone H2A proteolysis during stem cell differentiation." Contact [Kelli McKenna](#).

# PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CAMB**

Dec. 17, 12 – 1 PM: **CAMB Vice Chair Craig Bassing's Virtual Office Hours**. Sign Up [here](#) for a virtual meeting. Contact [Craig Bassing](#).

Dec. 18, 12:15 – 1:30 PM: **CPM Research in Progress: Post Rotation Talks**. Contact [Kathy O'Connor-Cooley](#) for the virtual link.

## **NGG**

### **CALENDARS**

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# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## **Events this Week**

- Dec. 15, 6 PM: **Penn Bio Launch (PBL) Information Session.** [Register here!](#) **Penn Bio Launch (PBL)**, beginning in Spring 2021, will create Penn's first community for biotech entrepreneurship. Our program will match high impact biotechnologies from Penn with multidisciplinary venture teams composed of Penn PhD, MD, JD, MBA, and Masters students interested in biotech entrepreneurship. These newly formed teams then attend a 10-week workshop series on business strategy, development, and execution taught by field experts. **We are recruiting tech leads** for our venture teams. **Tech leads** will bring a specific biotechnology they're working on in the lab and will be matched with multi-disciplinary venture team members to **learn/develop a venture formation plan for their technology.** This entire program will **protect the proprietary nature** of your research, and is completely free.
  - Come learn more at our **info session** on Tuesday, December 15th at 6PM EST. [Registration for info session](#)
  - Already interested? Apply to become a **tech lead** by December 20th. [Application for tech lead](#)
- Dec. 15, 7 PM (<https://penncare.zoos.us/J/93758899224>): The Immunology Graduate Student Association (IGA) will be hosting **Failing Forward: A Faculty Forum**. Join us for a celebration of failures as a gateway to success and hear about our faculty's stories of failures. If you have questions that you would like to ask the forum or individual faculty members, please submit your questions through this google [form](#). See flyer [here!](#)

### Future Events

- Dec. 18, 12 – 1 PM: **BPP/BPC Exponent Recruiting Information Session.** The Biomedical Postdoctoral Program (BPP) invites BGS students to join this recruitment information session with Dr. Collin T. Stabler, a BPP alumnus and Senior Associate at Exponent, to learn about the many career opportunities currently available at Exponent. Register [here](#).

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### SACNAS Career Panel With BGSA

We're excited to announce our 2020 Career Panel with BGSA! The style of this panel is *"by the audience, for the audience"*, so the survey below is to gauge everyone's interest and see what careers you would like to hear about.

Here is the link to the survey: [https://upenn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4Po4391xPmuQd01](https://upenn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Po4391xPmuQd01)

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### Penn Center for Innovation (PCI) Fellowship Final Deadline today, 12/15/2020

The Penn Center for Innovation (PCI) is seeking highly talented, scientifically-trained Master's and PhD students and post-doctoral fellows to join the PCI Fellows Program. The Fellowship is an innovative experiential program that trains participants in the commercialization of academic

research. Typical work projects include analyzing new inventions, writing market communication materials, and conducting prior art searches.

The Fellowship is highly competitive and is only open to Penn Graduate students and Post-doctoral fellows in scientific disciplines.

Selection to the PCI Fellows is based on:

- Availability to commit for ~10 hours a week
- Strong written communication skills
- Ability to explain complex issues succinctly and clearly
- Support from advisor/supervisor to engage in the program
- U.S. employment eligibility for part-time on-campus work

Apply online at [pci.upenn.edu/pci-fellows](http://pci.upenn.edu/pci-fellows)

- Priority deadline: 11/30/2020
  - Final deadline: 12/15/2020
  - Application requires a technology assessment
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### **ITMAT Education Short Course Opportunity**

**Application Deadline January 8 – Learn more [here](#)**

- Learning methods such as role-playing, case study and journal article reviews, and round tables will be utilized
  - The course will provide an overview of the multi-dimensional nature of drug development, which involves regulatory, new technologies, statistical and quality considerations
  - The course will introduce the concepts of drug development, which include pharmacology, toxicology, product development, and clinical trials
  - Topics will be addressed based on regulatory requirements by the FDA
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### **Job Openings**

- **New NCATS/FDA Translational Science Interagency Fellowship – Applications due 1/15/2021** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Fellowship in Life Sciences Consulting – Alacrita Consulting, Inc.** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Stem Cell Biologist – Fate Therapeutics** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Protein Engineering Scientist – Nabla Bio** – 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](#)

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## **STUDENT RESOURCES**

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