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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COVID-19 Requirements**

**Vaccinations.** Penn students, faculty, and staff are required to be vaccinated. Students must upload their vaccine record through [Student Health](#). Information regarding current student immunization requirements can be found [here](#).

**Masking/Testing.** All members of the Penn community and visitors must wear masks while indoors in public or shared spaces. **Vaccinated students are required to participate in screening testing twice per month.** Learn more about student compliance with testing [here](#).

**Learning From Address.** This is a reminder to add your Local and “Learning from” addresses in [Penn InTouch](#) if you have not already done so. This is especially important if you are working remotely and not coming to campus to participate in the screening testing.

You can add or update your address by logging into [Penn InTouch](#) and going to “Profile, privacy & emergency” then selecting “Address information”.

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### **Biotech Commons spaces & support**

Are you looking for a study space? The newly renovated [Biotech Commons](#) is now open until midnight Mon-Thurs. Reserve space through this [link](#) and keep up to date via [Twitter](#).

Your library Liaison:

Manuel de la Cruz Gutiérrez, PhD, MLS

Director of Data & Innovation Services at the Biotech Commons

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### **Fall 2021 Graduate Spaces**

Looking for a quiet place to study, space to relax and meet up with friends, or rooms to reserve while the Grad Center is closed? This page has information about alternative and temporary spaces available for graduate student use during the Fall 2021 semester: <https://gsc.upenn.edu/Fall2021/spaces>

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### **Roommate Ads & Slack for BGS Students**

BGS students are welcome to post their housing and roommate ads in the following [Google doc](#). There is also a channel within the BGS Slack workspace intended for sharing roommate ads, titled **#attn\_roommate-ads**.

There is a BGS slack for connecting the various departments and student groups and as a place for questions and discussion. For current students who are not a part of it yet and incoming students, please join with the following link: [https://join.slack.com/t/upennbgs/shared\\_invite/zt-99ajnayf-ImKfg7ic5niiE1u3ksyl5g](https://join.slack.com/t/upennbgs/shared_invite/zt-99ajnayf-ImKfg7ic5niiE1u3ksyl5g)

## Graduate & Professional Student Emergency Fund

The Office of the Provost has provided over \$70,000 to the VPUL Emergency Fund specifically dedicated for graduate and professional student urgent and unanticipated needs. Students facing emergency financial hardships can learn more at [gsc.upenn.edu/grad-emergency-grant](https://gsc.upenn.edu/grad-emergency-grant).

## Counseling and Wellness

[CAPS/Student Counseling](#) 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/ltplohours/>. 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). You may also arrange to work with other CAPS counselors by calling the main CAPS number.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Symposium: Understanding COVID-19 and Addressing Disparities in Care

Please see the [attached flier](#) for the Coronavirus symposium "Understanding COVID-19 and Addressing Disparities in Care". The symposium will be both virtual and in person, **November 2 from 1 to 5PM ET**. Topics to be covered will range from viral evolution and human variation to delivery of care and vaccine hesitancy.

## (NEW) 2nd Annual Diversity and Science Symposium

**November 8, 9, 10** (all virtual)

- 20 talks from a diverse array of junior and senior scientists about their backgrounds and research
- 3 panels on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in STEM
- Networking events to foster productive conversations about inequalities in STEM
- A keynote address by David Asai, Senior Director for Science Education at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute

Visit our [website](#) to **register now**, see our complete agenda, and learn more about this event. Please note the agenda is subject to minor changes as the event approaches.

## (NEW) Join Penn Libraries for PENN GIS DAY 2021

**November 15-19, 10AM-5pm EST**

Virtual - [Detail](#)

This year we will celebrate GIS DAY 2021 with a Keynote on November 17 (TBD) and a week-long line up of events including workshops/tutorials, presentations, lightning talks, and project demos.

CALL FOR PRESENTATION:

We are also inviting proposals for 15-minute synchronous or asynchronous presentations, up to 5-minute long lightning talks to showcase project (complete or in-progress) that uses any level of GIS or spatial data as a component, as well as digital posters and exhibits pertaining to mapping, GIS, geospatial research, hands-on demonstration of project website, web-map, story map, or an app.

Open to undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff.

CFP **Deadline: November 10, 2021.**

Submit presentation: <https://upenn.libwizard.com/f/PennGISday2021>

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### **CTL Workshop: Fostering Active Learning in the Science Classroom**

**Tues, November 9th, 5-6pm**

Dr. Kurt Engleka (Cell and Developmental Biology, Course Director of BIOM 600) and Marisa Egan (CTL Graduate Fellow, Cell and Molecular Biology) will lead a discussion on how to foster active learning in the science classroom.

Johnson Pavilion Room 209

Please register for this workshop here: <https://www.ctl.upenn.edu/event/fostering-active-learning-science-classroom>

If you have any topic suggestions that you would like to see in a workshop, please let Marisa Egan know! Additionally, if you have any questions about the workshops or the CTL Teaching Certificate, please email:

[Marisa.Egan@penncare.upenn.edu](mailto:Marisa.Egan@penncare.upenn.edu)

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### **CBI Fall Symposium**

The Fellows of the Chemistry-Biology Interface Training Grant would like to invite you to join us for our **2021 Chemistry-Biology Interface Fall Symposium on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1:30pm**, which will be held **virtually over zoom**. We are accepting abstract submissions for short (15 min) oral presentations until November 1st. Talks may cover *any topic* within Chemistry and Biology, you will also receive a CBI t-shirt if you participate!

Our keynote speakers this year are **Ambika Bhagi-Damodaran (U Minnesota)** and **Amy Andreotti (Iowa State)**.

**Please register using the following link:** <https://forms.gle/HWEr3Jq3WTYa2QHq5>.

You can visit our CBI website (<https://www.med.upenn.edu/cbit32/>) for information on past symposia.

## **(NEW) Penn 2021 Cores Day Video Presentations Available Online**

We are pleased to announce Penn 2021 Cores Day videos are now publicly available. These informative presentations provide an overview of >30 outstanding biomedical research resources and services available throughout our campus. To view the Penn Cores Day 2021 video presentations, please click [here](#). This exciting array of core facility presentations includes an overview of each core facility's services and capabilities as well as the appropriate contact information.

## **THESIS DEFENSES**

- Nov 2, 3pm (JMB Reunion OR via BlueJeans): **Ina Mexhitaj** (NGG), Amit Bar-Or, Mentor, **"T cell responses in pediatric-onset multiple sclerosis: a unique window into early disease."**
- Nov 3, 1pm (251 BRB OR via [BlueJeans](#)): **Karina Chaudhari** (CAMB), Greg Bashaw, Mentor, **"Investigating the role of Wave regulatory complex as a direct downstream effector of axon guidance receptors."**
- Nov 5, 10am (251 BRB OR via [BlueJeans](#)): **Sarah Taylor** (NGG), Edward Brodtkin, Mentor, **"Investigating quantitative autism spectrum behaviors in a family-based genetics study."**

## **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

### **Events this Week**

- Nov. 1 – 4: **NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration.** If you are an administrator, researcher, early-stage investigator, graduate student, or anyone new to working with the NIH grants process...then this seminar is designed specifically for you. Register [here](#).
- Nov. 5 - 1-4pm (CRB Auditorium or [Zoom](#)): **Kaushal Family Award Presentations.** The Genetics Department is pleased to recognize **Kamen Simeonov** (Lengner Lab), "Single-cell lineage tracing of metastatic cancer reveals selection of hybrid EMT states" and **Tingfang Chen** (D. Epstein lab), "Cochlear supporting cells require GAS2 for cytoskeletal architecture and hearing" as recipients of the 2021 Kaushal Family Awards, which highlight excellence in genetic research through publication by a graduate student and a postdoctoral fellow. Please join us virtually or in person for a special award ceremony with presentations by the recipients.

### **CHOP Gateway to Pediatric Research**

**Nov. 17 - 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m**

[Register Here](#)

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Research Institute is pleased to announce the [Gateway to Pediatric Research Program](#), a one-day event taking place virtually on **November 17, 2021**.

The goal of this event is to introduce CHOP research to promising senior graduate students and junior postdoctoral fellows from different backgrounds, races, ethnic groups, life experiences, research experiences and employment

backgrounds. Those interested in exploring research opportunities at one of the top ranked US children's hospitals are encouraged to apply. **Registration will close on November 2, 2021.**

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### **Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Academic Diversity – November 15 Deadline**

Email: [vpr-pdfellow@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:vpr-pdfellow@pobox.upenn.edu)

**Application Deadline: November 15**

- **Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Academic Diversity at the University of Pennsylvania**
- **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Fellowships for Academic Diversity**

The Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships and CHOP's Postdoctoral Fellowships are competitive programs intended to increase the diversity of the academic research community at the University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). While the Penn and CHOP programs have a common application form, they are independently funded and have separate review processes. Learn more here: <https://research.upenn.edu/postdocs-and-students/penn-provosts-postdoctoral-fellowships/> and here: <https://almanac.upenn.edu/articles/provosts-postdoctoral-fellowships-deadline-november-15>

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### **2021 Penn Healthcare Case Competition**

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Are you a life scientist interested in consulting, business, or entrepreneurship? Do you wonder how game changing decisions are made about our innovative discoveries once they leave the lab?

**Penn Biotech Group (PBG)** and **Penn Graduate Consulting Club (PGCC)** will be hosting our second annual Penn Healthcare Case Competition on **November 13, 2021**. This event will provide graduate students and postdocs the exciting opportunity to solve a real-world healthcare problem in teams of 4-6 members, with up to 2 MBA students per team. You will also be able to meet and engage with corporate leaders from top-tier healthcare, biotechnology, consulting, and venture capital firms who will serve as judges. All graduate students and postdocs are welcome to apply. No prior business experience is necessary. Cash prizes will be given to the top three teams, with the first-place team receiving \$4,000!

Please submit the [Interest & Networking Coffee Chat Registration Form](#), if you are interested in participating. Registering for our Coffee Chat sessions gives you the opportunity to meet other participants who are looking for team members. We will then contact you with more details regarding the Case Competition.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [pennhealthcarecc2021@gmail.com](mailto:pennhealthcarecc2021@gmail.com).

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BGS maintains a number of career development resources, including a career blog and calendar of events, career path videos featuring alumni, and more. See [this page](#) for a summary of resources within BGS and across Penn's campus.

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### **NHGRI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Transition Award for a Diverse Genomics Workforce (F99/K00)**

**Application Due Date: December 8, 2021**

This two-phased award will facilitate completion of a doctoral dissertation (F99) and transition to a strong postdoctoral research position (K00) focused on the scientific, medical, ethical, social and/or legal areas of genomics research.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-143.html>

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### **Regeneron's Postdoc Program**

**Application Due Date: December 1, 2021**

The Regeneron Postdoctoral Training Program is now accepting applications:

<https://www.regeneron.com/postdoctoral-training-program>

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### **IBSA Foundation for scientific research – Fellowships 2021 Call**

**Application Deadline: December 31, 2021**

Applications are open for the 9th edition of the [IBSA Foundation Fellowships 2021 Call](#) that awards 6 fellowships of € 30,000/each (one additional fellowship compared to the previous edition) to young researchers under the age of 40, from Universities and Research Institutes around the world, who have distinguished themselves for their skills and have ongoing projects of particular relevance in the following research areas:

- dermatology
- endocrinology
- fertility/urology
- orthopaedics/pain medicine/rheumatology

and the 2021 special edition

- regenerative medicine

Please find more information about the Call on the IBSA Foundation's [website](#).

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### **Job Openings**

- [Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Career Opportunities](#)
- [Benchspace October Jobs](#)
- [Janssen Research Scientist Position, Immunotherapy Pathway Registry Stronghold](#)
- [Archive of other Job Listings](#)

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

### **RESOURCES**

[BGS Career Development Calendar](#)

[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](#)

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# STUDENT GROUP EVENTS/RESOURCES

## **(New) BGSA General Assembly Meeting**

**Tuesday November 2nd @5PM**

Location: Smilow 10-146AB

Catering from: Honeygrow

Announcements:

1. Program Representative election results
2. BGSA Logo contest results

Vote for this month's merit requests:

1. Penn Gala
2. PSPDG: Science Communication Monthly Movie Nights

COME FIND OUT ABOUT AVAILABLE FUNDING

Info: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgsa/getfunding.html>

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