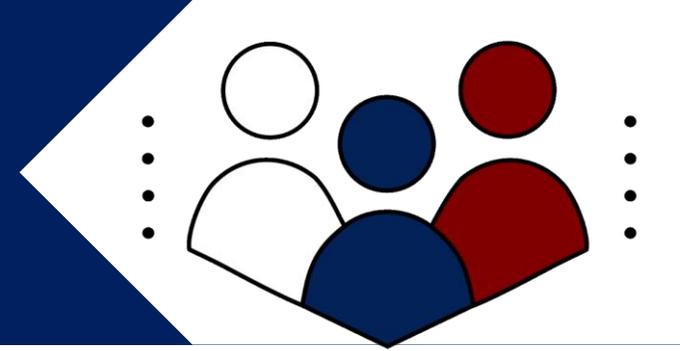


Trainee Advocacy Alliance (TAA)

An IDEAL Research Initiative  Penn Medicine



TAA is a collaborative group of BGS graduate students, post-docs, and faculty members who are committed to nurturing a Penn community that embodies inclusivity, diversity, and equity.

TAA is a resource for all trainees facing adversity, especially for those experiencing racial, gender, or other identity-based bias.

TAA is a non-escalating and confidential service personalized for all individuals who approach us regardless of scale of the issue

TAA Student Founders



Prioty Sarwar, PhD
(CAMB/MVP)



Narwar Naseer, PhD
(CAMB/MVP)

TAA Student Leader

Sarah Maddux
(IGG)



**Support TAA
offers
trainees**



**Confidential
Advising**



**Mediation &
Intervention**



**Incident
Reporting**



**Resource
Navigation**



**Community
Connection**

Responsibilities of a TAA member

Training (~12 hours)

- ▶ Restorative Justice
- ▶ Mental Health Intervention
- ▶ Inclusive Mentorship

Circle Meetings

TAA community building

- ▶ Case studies
- ▶ Breaking power dynamics

How does a trainee get help from TAA?

Need TAA Support?

Contact a TAA Member

View our TAA member biographies below to find a member you feel most comfortable contacting by email

OR

Match with a Member

CLICK
HERE

Be matched with a TAA member we believe can support you best

Jill (Hyejin) Eisenhauer ▲

Affiliated Graduate Group: Cell and Molecular Biology -- Gene Therapy and Vaccines

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Why did you choose to join the Trainee Advocacy Alliance?

As a Korean-American adoptee, I have never fit into the generalized Asian-American stereotypes placed upon me. Throughout my career, I have been able to share my AAPI narrative and pursue my STEM-related goals with the endless support from my past mentors and professors. I would like to join TAA with the hopes of giving back that same mentorship while creating a safe and inclusive scientific community.

What experiences and strengths do you bring to the Trainee Advocacy Alliance?

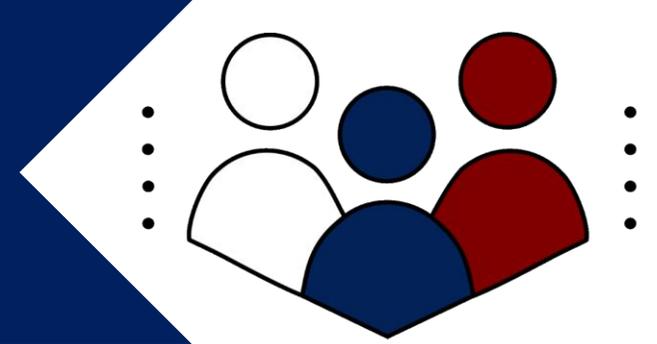
In undergrad, I was a member of Presidential Envoys, a student ambassador organization, at the University of North Florida and served as Vice President of Marketing where I focused many social media efforts towards informing students about our organization as an opportunity to network and grow professionally within the Jacksonville community. I also worked as a lab assistant where I was able to mentor and train students from a local community college!

Research Interests & Experience: Currently, I am interested in understanding ways to design DNA-encoded monoclonal antibodies as a therapeutic for protection against infectious diseases. I am also interested in DNA vaccine design.

Fun Fact: I own 14 berets and counting! All different colors!



TAA Leadership



**Dan
Kessler
(faculty)**



**Elizabeth
Heller
(faculty)**



**Robin
Wilder
(student)**



**Jill
Eisenhauer
(student)**



**Vanessa
Martinez Penn
(Admin Coord)**

Currently 65 TAA members!

