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2. Events
3. Recap of SoM Faculty Senate
4. Open floor
Stanford Biosciences Student Association
Representing graduate students from biology-related fields in the School of Medicine, the School of Humanities and Sciences, and the School of Engineering.
Stanford Biosciences Student Association
Student Handbook 2019-2020

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Last updated: August 30, 2019
Resources

The Biomedical Association for the Interest of Minority Students (BioAIMS)
SBSA works closely with BioAIMS, with joint efforts in events and advocacy.

Transportation
Learn about transportation options around campus and the Bay Area. Preferably not in an ambulance Stanford Med just offers a very limited choice of icons.

Navigating Grad School
Guides, articles, and more about how to be successful in every part of grad school.

Shopping Needs
Where to get your groceries and material goods.

Finances
What is money?

OGE Travel Grant
The Office of Graduate Education (OGE) offers a travel grant to help students pay for conferences.
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Recent SBSA Events

September 26  Ice Cream Happy Hour  
*Edel McCrea*

September 26  Orientation/Welcome Dinner

October 3   Biosciences Activities and Resource Fair (BARF)  
*Frank Buquicchio, Pagé Goddard/BioAIMS*

October 4  NSF Personal Statement Workshop  
*Meagan Hamblin + Hayley Raquer*

October 8  Committee for Grad Admissions and Policy (CGAP)

October 15  SoM Faculty Senate
Upcoming SBSA events

Today! 4-6pm  
Poster Session and Happy Hour  
Alway courtyard  
Frank Buquicchio & Edel McCrea

October 23  
Biosciences Town Hall  
With BioAIMS

October 24/25  
1st year Mentorship Lunches  
Diego Almanza, Alyssa Benjamin, Brenda Velasco

October 30  
Fall BBQ  
Edel McCrea

November 14  
Fall Lab Share  
Monica Nesselbush
SoM Faculty Senate, Oct 15

“a discussion on issues facing basic science students in the School of Medicine...We would like to hear your issues and perspectives on any topic related to your experiences at Stanford.”

Kim DeBruler (SMSA) - 30 min
Brooks + Lucy (SBSA) - 30 min
What we presented:
Concerns of Biosciences PhD students

- Affordability
  - Housing, cost of living, Cardinal Care, Vaden
- Mental health
  - New SoM-specific hires, CAPS, being proactive vs. reactionary
- Advisor-student relationship
  - Mandatory training in management/conflict resolution, avenues for student feedback/complaints/reporting
- Diversity and inclusion
  - Especially at faculty and leadership levels
Discussion points and open questions

- Some of these issues also come up from med students, and probably postdocs too
  - We have contacted BioAIMS, SMSA, and SURPAS to collaborate
- What is the best way to hear student concerns about advisors?
  - A separate out-of-department faculty advisor? Your thesis committee?
  - Junior faculty do have some trainings
  - Letters from all past and current trainees are solicited when faculty are up for promotion/tenure, are confidential, and are taken seriously
  - Anonymous feedback is difficult
- Is there a Biosciences disabilities student org?
  - Peter Poullos (Radiology; Stanford Medicine Abilities Coalition) would be open to advising

**Biosciences Town Hall:** next Wed, Oct 23 @ 5:30pm in LK101
Open floor for questions/input