

SBSA

# GENERAL MEETING

TUES AUGUST 11 • 12 PM

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# Agenda

1. Recent events
2. Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Reading & Empowerment Book Club
3. Upcoming events
4. July Faculty Senate
5. Wellness Resources
6. 5-year funding discussion
7. Open floor for questions and input

# Recent Events

**July 27**      **Biosciences Town Hall**

*OGE*

Recording [here](#)

**August 3**      **Virtual Conversation with the President and Provost**

*President Marc Tessier-Lavigne and Provost Persis Drell*

**August 4**      **SOM Town Hall**

*Dean Lloyd Minor, Senior Associate Dean for Finance and Operations Marcia Cohen, Associate Dean for HR, Facilities, Planning, and Management Kevin Moody*

Recording [here](#)


**August 7**      **Quarantrivia**

*Becca Mancusi and Logan Leak*





# Anti-Racism & Anti-Oppression Reading & Empowerment Book Club

**ANTI-RACISM &  
ANTI-OPPRESSION**  
Reading & Empowerment Book Club



Who: Biosciences Students  
When: 2 Meetings / Quarter  
Where: Zoom



Avery Krieger ([krave@stanford](mailto:krave@stanford))

# Upcoming Events

August 22

**Game Night with ADVANCE**

*Becca Mancusi and Maddie Lee*

# BARF and Orientation

*Orientation and Recruitment Chair Katherine Nico*

- Joint virtual Fall 2020 Resource Fair with medical students
- Contact Katherine if you have questions: [knico@stanford.edu](mailto:knico@stanford.edu)

# July Faculty Senate

- Mostly medical-student related news
- New Postdoc positions specifically for URM students
  - 10 positions currently, trying to get up to 20 positions

# Wellness Resources

*Wellness Chair Logan Leak*

- August Wellness Newsletter [here](#)
- Anonymous Google form for feedback, suggestions for future events, and any questions you might have regarding wellness [here](#)
- Contact Logan if you have questions: [lleak@stanford.edu](mailto:lleak@stanford.edu)

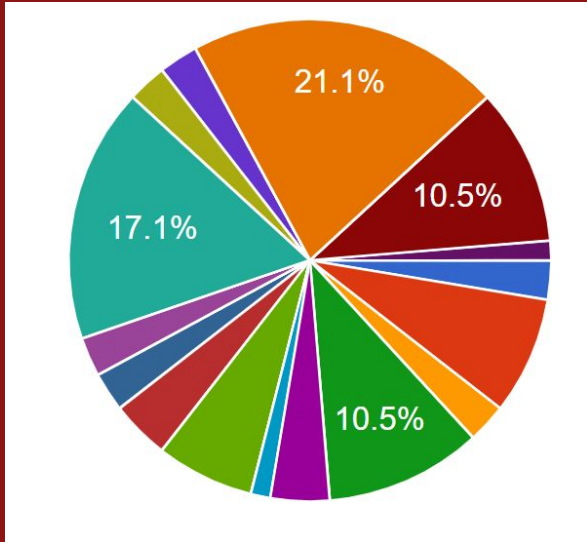


# Five Year Funding Guarantee

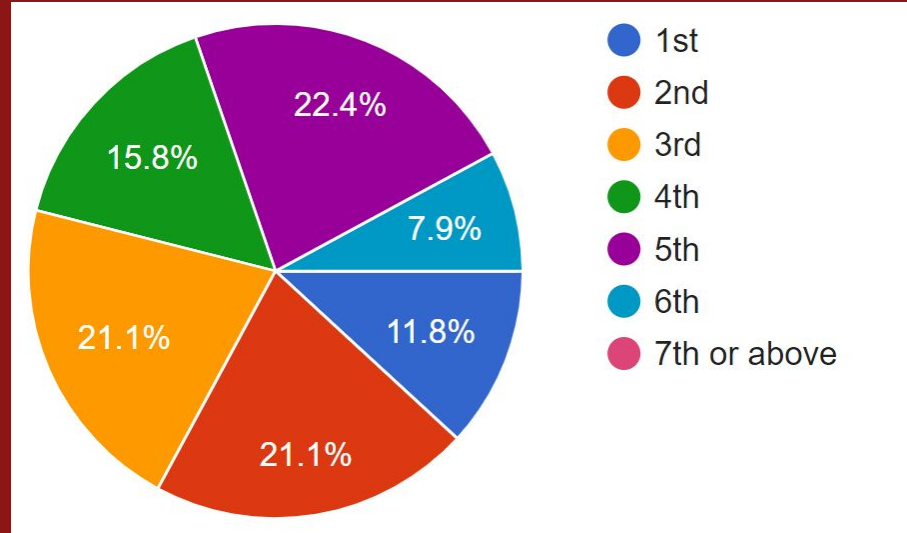
- Provost announced that Stanford will have a 5 year/12 month funding guarantee for all graduate students (but left it up to everyone else to figure out how to make that work).
- SoM leadership believes that because of the 4-year funding guarantee and that your PI should pay for you after that, the 5-year funding guarantee is not relevant to the SoM
- Is this true?

# 76 responses (as of Monday 8PM)

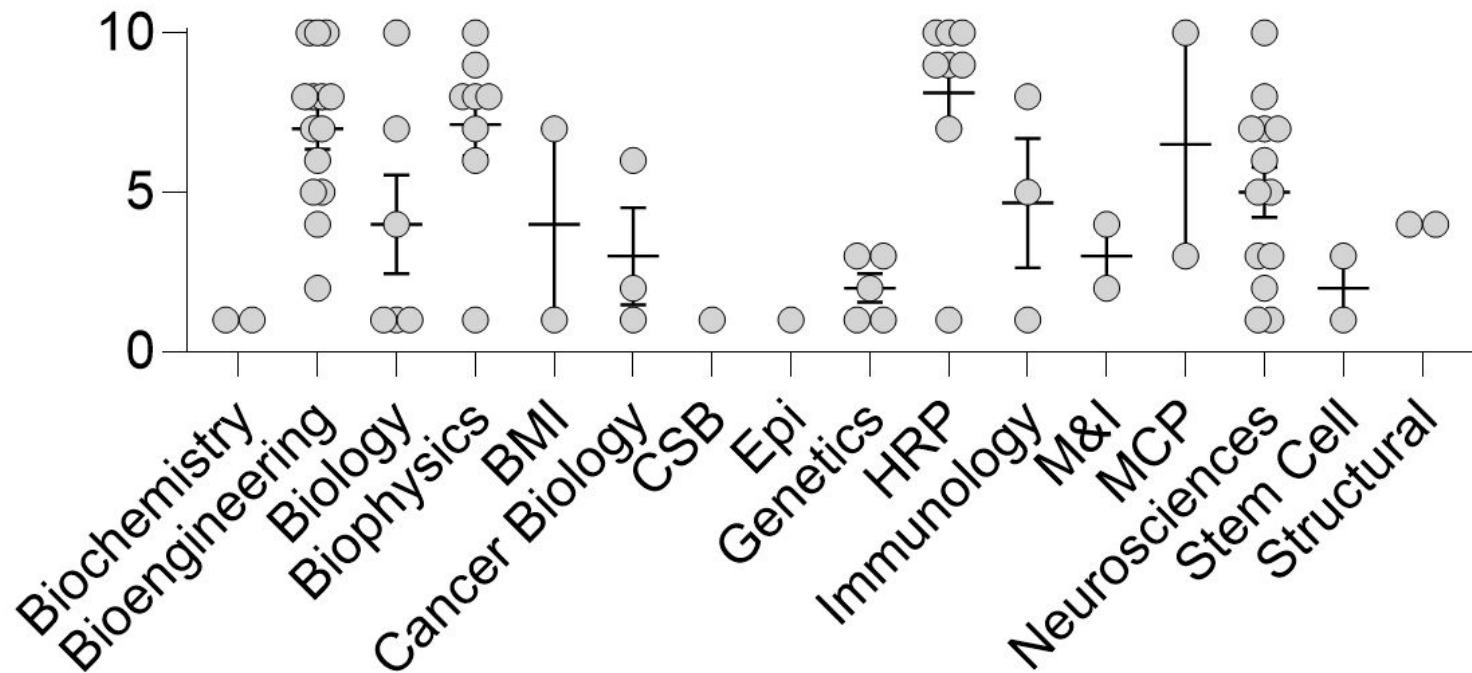
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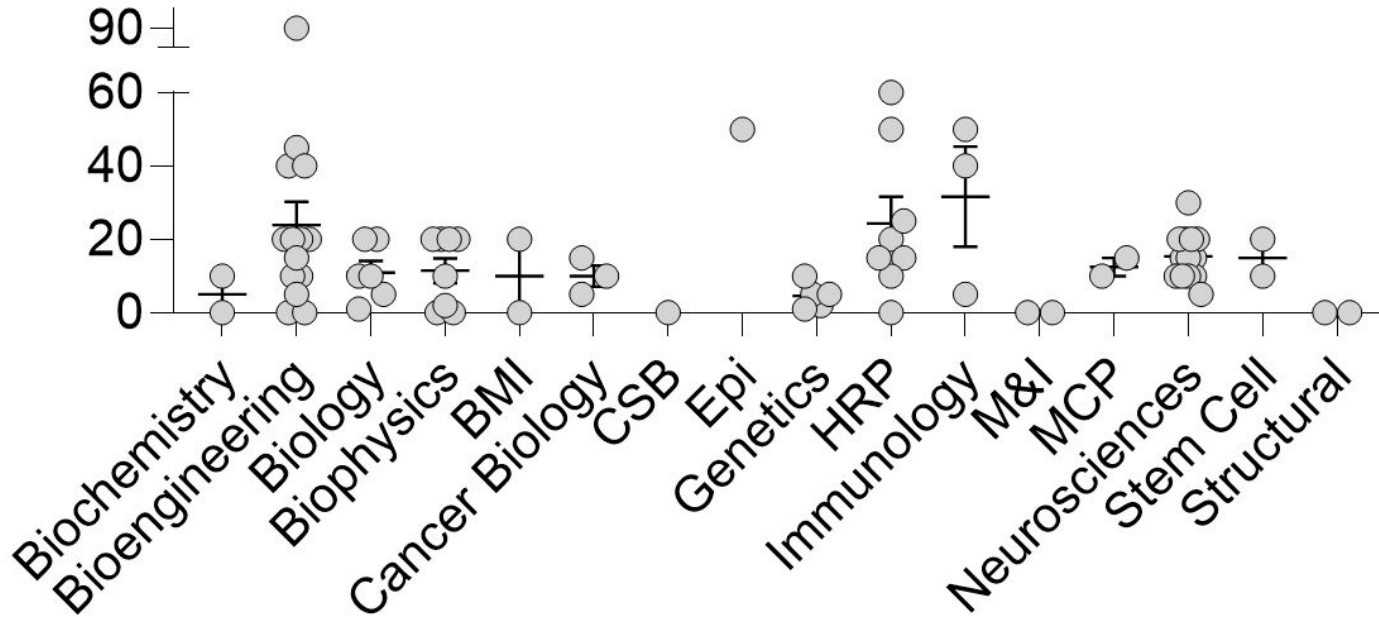
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## How worried are you about losing funding before completing PhD?



What % of your time do you spend on non-research activities required for your funding? (Applying for funding, doing TA-ships, etc.)



# Personal Stories

We are expected to receive funding from our PI, but given that my PI is younger than most, the extra burden on him causes unnecessary stress to me, so I spend a lot of my time looking for external funding. And obtaining funding at this point is preventing me from working on my dissertation.

My personal funding runs out in 1 week, and my PI is also tight on funding! He is going to float me for a bit, but I am expected to publish and graduate ASAP as a result. I am going to have to leave a lot of projects half finished and just get the main story out and leave.

I am unable to fund my education, and thus will have to take a leave of absence this year.

# Personal Stories

My PI has used the threat of pulling my funding as leverage to get me to work on whatever they want, regardless of how relevant it is to my PhD work. Due to fear of losing funding, I have written a large number of grant applications for them (20+) including major grants such as R01s and center grants. [this one goes on with more details]

We have had people in our lab who have been asked to leave the lab (and ultimately, Stanford) because guaranteed funding from their program had lapsed and none of the many fellowships they had applied for were funded. Guaranteed 5-year funding prevents such devastating occurrences and is very very important.

# Personal stories

A student in their third year in my lab was asked to leave the lab, as their external funding expired and they were not SoM (so no 4-year funding guarantee) - they eventually did not continue with their PhD and left Stanford. While my funding will last for four years, I am uncertain whether I will meet the same fate after my fourth year is complete.

# Open floor for questions/input

- SBG is recruiting for its executive board!



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