



BEST @ Cornell

Events for November 2017

[Entrepreneurship Summit NYC 2017](#) | 11/3/17, 9:00AM-6:00PM

Join Entrepreneurship at Cornell at The Times Center in NYC to network with fellow entrepreneurs and to share ideas. With a lineup of illustrious speakers, including Martha E. Pollack, Cornell's 14th president, this event is a must-attend for anyone interested in entrepreneurship.

Location: The Times Center, 242 W 1st Street, New York, NY 10036

[Mark Dighton, Intro to practicing law](#) | 11/6/17, 4:30-5:30

Learn how to enter the field of intellectual property and what steps are required to pass the patent bar exam.

Location: Myron Taylor Hall

[Navigating Your Future: BEST Careers in Industry](#) | 11/7/17, 3:00PM-4:30PM

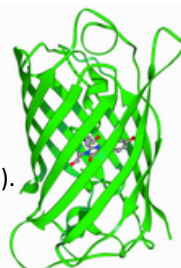
Industry professionals with varying backgrounds & experiences, will offer advice and perspectives on working in this environment, and how they transitioned from academia.

Location: 102 Mann Library

["GFP: Lighting Up Life"](#) | 11/8/17, 4:00PM-5:00PM

Professor and Nobel Laureate Martin Chalfie, Columbia University, will deliver a public lecture concerning the importance of basic science and his role in the discovery of Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP).

Location: G-10 Biotech Bldg.



[TGIF BEST Hangout](#) | 11/10/17, 4:30PM-7:00PM

Come join us for TGIF at the Big Red Barn! This is a time to relax after a long week and get to know some of your fellow BESTies better. Please feel free to bring friends that may also be interested in learning more about the program. BEST Advisory Board member Gael Nicholas will be there to meet you. This will be a casual, friendly space for current students/post-docs involved in the BEST program to hang out. If you are new to campus, the BRB is the Big Red Barn, located across from Bailey Hall Plaza, and TGIF is to celebrate among friends (Tell Grads It's Friday). TGIF is every week!

Location: Big Red Barn

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November Member Spotlight: Madhur Srivastava



Madhur Srivastava, a Ph.D. student in the Meinig School of Biomedical Engineering, is November's BESTie of the Month. Madhur works in a lab that develops magnetic resonance techniques to study structure and dynamics of biological molecules. His project aims to engineer new data processing methods that will overcome signal strength limitations of the magnetic resonance instruments that he works with. Madhur quickly realized that his innovations were marketable, and through the BEST program, among others, he is exploring the commercialization process. Following a 6-month fellowship that helped crystallize the vision for his product, Madhur has undertaken the process of founding a startup. As for his initial motivation to pursue research—Madhur thinks that his interest in science is derived from a love of surmounting intellectual obstacles, venturing into the unknown, and troubleshooting. Broadly, Madhur is interested in pursuing social entrepreneurship using technology; the BEST program has allowed him to explore this career path.

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