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## 18. Gain-of-Function Research and PEPP

*A distance learning opportunity*

**November 12, 2024**

1:00 – 3:00 PM (CST)

**Gain-of-function research and PEPP** is a webinar designed for biosafety/biosecurity professionals and communicators to understand new federal guidance on “gain of function” or Category 2 research and pathogens of enhanced pandemic potential (PEPP). The goal is to develop an understanding and the tools to explain what Category 2 research is, how it differs from Category 1 research (“dual-use research of concern”), and the role of ethical analysis in these categories for assessing research with PEPP. The webinar will focus on practitioner views of the current policy, led by a biosecurity expert with over 15 years’ experience studying, teaching on, and crafting policy for biosecurity for a variety of national and international groups. By the conclusion of this webinar, participants will gain an understanding of how to assess Category 2 research in the context of the new policy moving into its 2025 implementation, and the role of institutional compliance officers (including IBCs) in assessing Category 2 research in their own institutions.

This webinar will be a 2-hour session on Tuesday, November 12 at 1:00 pm (CST). For the webinar session, you should plan on logging in 15 minutes prior to the start time. You are required to attend the webinar sessions, complete and/or access all the modules in the course on the training site to receive the completion certificate through the ABSA International Training Site. The link in the invitation will be unique to the user and cannot be shared.

Upon completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Summarize what gain-of-function research is in the context of the current federal guidance on Category 1 and 2 research
- Identify how biosafety and biosecurity practitioners can engage this policy within their own communities and institutions
- Communicate effectively about gain-of-function research with other researchers, professionals, policymakers, and the public

The webinar will be presented by the following subject matter expert: **Nicholas G. Evans, PhD**, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

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- Biosafety professionals in government, industry, academic and other institutions/organizations
- Anyone who regularly communicates about biosafety with the public or non-biosafety professionals

### COURSE FEES

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| ___ ABSA Members | \$110.00 USD |
| ___ Nonmembers   | \$185.00 USD |

To obtain the ABSA member rate, the participant will need to be an ABSA member in the **year** in which the training is offered. Course fees include: course handouts, access to the ABSA International training site, and 2 hours of interactive instruction from a well-respected subject matter expert.

Group Discount: 10% off registration for 3-4 participants from the same organization; 20% off registration for 5-9 participants from the same organization; 30% off registration for 10 or more participants from the same organization

### QUESTIONS

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Please direct questions about this webinar to:

Kari DeServi, MEd, Director of Education, ABSA Office, 866.425.1385 (toll free), Email: education@absa.org

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# Registration Form

## Gain-of-Function Research and PEPP

\*Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s): Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please provide your preferred email address, which you frequently access)

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***For the group discount, please call the ABSA Office to register the participants.***

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