

# Doctoral Career and Professional Development Resources

## Professional Development Tools and Books

- UMD DoctorAL Professional and Career Development Website ([go.umd.edu/phdcareerinfo](http://go.umd.edu/phdcareerinfo)) Career Center website ([careers.umd.edu](http://careers.umd.edu))
- UMD [Doctoral Career Navigator](#) modules in ELMS-Canvas
- [ImaginePhD](#) or [myIDP](#) for STEM majors
- [Aurora](#) by Beyond the Professoriate
- University of Maryland [Individual Development Plan \(IDP\)](#)
- [Developing a Strategic Vision for Your Career Plan](#) (on the [LiveCareers](#) site)
- [What are you Going to Do with That...? \(Basalla & Debelius, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition\)](#)
- [Designing Your Work Life \(Burnett & Evans, 2020\)](#)
- [The Professor is In \(book, website, blog, workshops\)](#)
- [Networking for Nerds \(Alaina G. Levine, 2015\)](#)
- [The UCLA PhD Career Toolkit](#)
- [Beyond the Professoriate](#) (free & \$) or [Cheeky Scientist](#) (free & \$)
- [LinkedInLearning](#) (link inside of C4T account; free to UMD students)

## Self-Assessment (Interests, Skills, Values, Strengths and Personality)

- [ImaginePhD](#) or [myIDP](#) for STEM majors
- Gallup [Strengths Finder 2.0](#) (must buy new book to get assessment code)
- Review of various Online [Career Assessment Tools](#) from LiveCareer.com
- National Postdoctoral Association ([NPA](#)) [Core Competencies Checklist](#)
- UMD [Counseling Center](#) (Strong Interest Inventory, MBTI)

## Career Exploration

- [ImaginePhD](#)
- [Aurora](#) from Beyond the Professoriate
- Conduct [Informational Interviews](#) with UMD Alumni via Terrapins Connect (UMD Global Doctoral Alumni and Postdoc Network Group) and LinkedIn
- [Vault](#) and [industry guides](#)
- [O-Net](#) Online
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- Professional association websites in your discipline

## Building Your Professional Network

(for Career Exploration, Job Search, and Future Career Advancement)

- LinkedIn ([UMD Alumni LinkedIn](#) Group or [UMD School page](#) with alumni search feature)
- Professional association websites in your discipline
- Departmental, College, and Graduate School events
- University Career Center & The President's Promise [Networking Tips](#)
- Graduate student organizations (through [TerpLink](#))
- National and regional associations

## Academic Job Search

- [Aurora](#) - Academic Career modules
- Advice from your faculty advisor and other faculty mentors
- Departmental and college sponsored workshops and seminars
- Teaching and Learning Transformation Center ([TLTC](#)) Programs, [CIRTL](#)
- [National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity](#) NCFDD (UMD Subscribes)
- [The Professor is In](#) (book, website, blog, workshops)
- National Association Websites and Meetings
- The [Chronicle of Higher Education's Vitae](#) (job postings, advice, forums and more)
- [HigherEdJobs](#) job postings
- [Inside Higher Ed](#)
- CV Critique by appointment through C4T
- Assistance with job talk preparation through the [Graduate School Writing Center](#)

## Job Search in Industry, Govt. & Nonprofits

- [Aurora](#) - Professional Career modules
- University Career Center & The President's Promise (& [Engineering Co-op & Career Services](#))
  - Website information to launch your career including [resumes and job search](#)
  - Careers for Terps ([C4T](#)) job postings; Careers4Engineers
  - [Events calendar](#) (career panels, site visits, other events); [Career Fairs](#)
  - [Terp Guide](#)
  - [Interview Stream](#) (mock interview; access through C4T)
  - GoinGlobal (access through C4T)
  - Resume and cover letter critique by appointment through C4
  - [USA Jobs](#), [Federal Pathways](#) program and [Presidential Management Fellows](#)
  - Assistance with job presentation through the Graduate School Writing Center

## Career and Professional Development Services for Doctoral Students

The University Career Center & The President's Promise and The Graduate School have teamed up to dedicate a career professional to doctoral students at all stages of their studies.

- develop your own personalized career and professional development plan that leverages opportunities available in your program, department and beyond
- identify opportunities to develop specific skills and competencies required for different career paths
- clarify multiple careers for doctoral students that match your interests and goals – Plan A and Plan B
- plan your job search strategy, prepare resumes and CVs and practice interviewing skills
- develop your networking skills and expand relationships in your field



Website: [go.umd.edu/phdcareerinfo](http://go.umd.edu/phdcareerinfo)

Schedule appointments with Dr. Susan Martin, Program Director via Careers4Terps, [Careers.umd.edu/Careers4Terps](http://Careers.umd.edu/Careers4Terps), or by calling (301) 314.7242.

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