

PhD Career and Professional Development Resources

Professional Development Tools and Books

- UMD PhD Professional and Career Development Website (go.umd.edu/phdcareerinfo)
Career Center website (careers.umd.edu)
- UMD [PhD Career Navigator](#) modules in ELMS-Canvas
- [Imagine PhD](#) or [myIDP](#) for STEM majors
- 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...? \(Basalla & Debelius, 3rd Edition\)](#)
- [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)

- [Imagine PhD](#) 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](#)
- Conduct [Informational Interviews](#) with UMD Alumni via LinkedIn
- [Versatile PhD](#) specifically for UMD students; Career Finder section
- [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

- 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

- 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 PhDs

The University Career Center & The President's Promise and The Graduate School have teamed up to dedicate a career professional to PhD 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 PhDs that match your interests and goals – A Plan A and a 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

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

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