PhD Career and Professional Development Resources

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

- myIDP for STEM majors
- UMD Counseling Center (Strong Interest Inventory, MBTI)
- Gallup Strengths Finder 2.0
- Review of various Online Career Assessment Tools from Quintessential Careers
- National Postdoctoral Association Core Competencies Self-Assessment Checklist

Career Planning Tools

- Developing a Strategic Vision for Your Career Plan (on the Quintessential Careers site)
- myIDP for STEM majors
- Imagine PhD (for humanists and social scientists; expected in 2017)
- University of Wisconsin Individual Development Plan
- University of California-Irvine Individual Development Plan

Career Exploration

- Versatile PhD specifically for UMD students; Career Finder section
- Vault and other sites
- O-Net Online
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
- Professional association websites in your discipline
- Conduct some Information Interviews (MIT website)
- Seek advice from UMD Alumni

Building Your Professional Network
(for Career Exploration, Job Search, and Future Career Advancement)

- Departmental, College, and Graduate School events
- University Career Center & The President’s Promise Networking Tips
- Graduate student organizations (through UMD Orgsync)
- National and regional associations
- LinkedIn (UMD Alumni LinkedIn Group)
- UMD Alumni Advisor Network
Academic Job Search

- Faculty advisor and other faculty mentors
- Departmental and college sponsored workshops and seminars
- Teaching and Learning Transformation Center (TLTC) Programs and events
- 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

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
  - Resume Critique by appointment through C4T
  - Interview Stream (mock interview; access through C4T)
- USA Jobs
  - Federal Pathways program and Presidential Management Fellows

Have you heard about career and professional development services for PhD students?

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. Workshops, online resources, and other activities can help you to:

- develop your own personalized individual 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
- plan your job search strategy, prepare resumes and CVs and practice interviewing skills
- develop your networking skills and expand relationships in your field

A complete list of upcoming workshops and events is available on the Graduate School Events Calendar: gradschool.umd.edu/calendar.

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

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