

PHD CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

A bi-weekly supplement to the Campus-Wide Career E-Newsletter, specifically for Current PhD students and Postdocs. Contact Dr. Susan Martin, smarti18@umd.edu for more information about this content.

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10 Totally Doable Ways to Enhance Your Career and Professional Development During the January Break

- 1. Not sure what you should be doing to manage your career while you are a PhD student or postdoc?** Review the [professional and career development information](#) on the Graduate School Website as well as career related information on your college/school and program websites. Schedule an appointment to talk with a career staff member.
- 2. Update your resume, CV and LinkedIn account. Update your profile information** in your [Careers 4 Terps](#) (C4T) account or Career4Engineers account and upload a current resume or CV. Set up search agents in C4T or C4E so you are emailed job postings. Check out LinkedIn checklists for advice about your profile.
- 3. Exploring your career options?** Learn more about how PhDs can use [informational interviews](#). Use [Terrapins Connect](#) and the UMD LinkedIn Group to begin conducting informational interviews.
- 4. Pursuing an academic career?** Review the [Teaching and Learning Transformation Center \(TLTC\)](#) website to learn more about their programs and events. (15 minutes). Sign up for their e-newsletter and review their events calendar regularly. Explore [CIRTL](#) resources and programs (FREE).
- 5. Learn more about the benefits of writing a personalized Individual Development Plan.** Examples of printable IDP forms and more information about how to implement and IDP are available from [University of Wisconsin](#), [University of California-Irvine](#), and

[Stanford Biosciences](#). A University of Maryland IDP template will be available soon. Take an hour to begin drafting your own Individual Development Plan.

6. Are you an Arts, Humanities, or Social Science doctoral student? Create a free [ImaginePhD](#) account. Complete the interest, skills, and values assessments and explore at least 3 job families. Schedule an appointment through C4T to discuss your assessment results.

7. Once a week, review the events calendars of Graduate School, University Career Center & The Presidents Promise and Engineering Career Services to identify events that will increase your knowledge of career paths of interest, provide networking opportunities, or support your progress with your dissertation and obtaining funding. Register now and attend later!

8. Explore the websites of national and regional professional associations related to your discipline. Note conference and program submission dates in your calendar.

9. Connect or reconnect with colleagues through LinkedIn. New to LinkedIn, then brainstorm a list of contacts from past jobs, internships, conferences, academic programs. Include fellow graduate students and alumni from your program. Reach out to connect or reconnect with a short personal note.

10. Schedule appointments and time to follow up with your academic adviser, peers, other mentors, and career professionals about questions that have emerged related to your academic and professional development plans.

Upcoming Events



Invest In Your Future: A Graduate School Success Symposium
Monday, January 22, 2018, 9:30 am-4:00 pm
Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland

- Did you make some New Year's resolutions to work on your academic and professional skills? Need some help figuring out your next steps and to jump start your spring semester?
- Join the Graduate School for the second annual January Student Success Symposium--a day of networking and interactive, hands-on sessions to help you achieve your goals!
- All graduate students, especially doctoral students, and postdoctoral research associates are invited. This year's event will focus on communication and presentation skills, finding funding, and career management!

FREE, but you must save your space with a \$15 deposit. Deposits will be returned after the event for all those who attend.

[Register Now](#)
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[1st Annual Graduate Career Pathways Conference](#), Friday, April 20, 2018, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

[Events for Engineers \(Click image to see full calendar and register\)](#)

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Today! Cover Letters & Professional Correspondence Workshop
Thursday, March 2, 2017
2:30 p.m., 1131B Glenn L. Martin Hall More>

Today! TI Tech Talk: "What Kind Of Engineer Do I Want To Be?"
Thursday, March 2, 2017
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Martin Hall, DEWALT Seminar Room 2164 More>

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Thinking about non-academic careers? The University of Maryland subscribes to a resource that demystifies non-academic careers and reveals many professions that can utilize the skills you are developing in graduate school. [Learn more](#)

[Visit the Graduate School Website](#)



Questions? Make an appointment with Dr. Susan Martin through [Careers4Terps](#).



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