



# The University of Texas at Austin College of Natural Sciences

## Career and Professional Development Opportunities for CNS Grad Students and Postdocs

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<https://cns.utexas.edu/graduate-education/professional-development-career-support>

### Seminars and Workshops – Currently Focusing on 5 Main Areas

- **Career Exploration and Professional Development for Non-Academic Careers**
  - Panel Discussions with PhDs in a variety of careers
  - Seminars focused on: Job Search Strategies; Résumé and Cover Letter Guidance; Interview Preparation
  - Networking and Recruitment Events
- **Grant Application Workshops** – with assistance from the Graduate School, the VPR Office, and CNS Office for Strategic Research Initiatives
  - NSF-GRFP, NIH NRSA Awards, NIH K99/R00 Awards
- **Academic Careers Workshops** – Helping students prepare for the academic job market
- **Training Programs**
  - [Concentration in Teaching and Mentoring](#), 3-seminar series offered through TIDES (the Texas Institute for Discovery Education in Science)
- **Responsible Conduct of Research Training**
  - Core sessions may include: Research Misconduct; Publication/Authorship; Peer Review; Conflict of Interest; Collaborative Research

### Tentative Professional Development Seminar/Workshop Schedule for 2016-17

Seminars are often held on Tuesdays (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month) from Noon-1:00pm in NHB 1.720, with video-link to graduate students and postdocs at the Marine Science Institute (Port Aransas)

Date	Topic	Presenters/Panelists	Time/Location
9/9/2016	<b>AAAS Communicating Science Workshop</b>	Organized by the Moody College of Communication and presented by the AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science)	1:30-4:30pm BMC 5.102
9/13/2016	<b>NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF-GRFP) Application Workshop</b>	Dr. Jennifer Lyon Gardner, Assistant Vice President for Research (UT-Austin)	1:00-3:00pm UNB 3.304
9/27/2016	<b>Career and Professional Development Seminar Series</b> (for non-academic careers): <b>Session 1: Job Search Strategies</b>	Dr. Po-Tsan Ku, Career Development Specialist for CNS Grad Students and Postdocs	Noon-1:00pm NHB 1.720

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10/05/2016	<b>Panel Discussion and Networking Event with Scientists in Pharmaceutical Companies</b>	Gopi Shankar, PhD (Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research) Michael Irizarry, MD, MPH (Eli Lilly and Company) Sanjeev Munshi, PhD (Merck)	6:00-8:00pm NHB 1.720 (and 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor lounge)
11/15/2016	<b>Career and Professional Development Seminar Series</b> (for non-academic careers): <b>Session 2: Cover Letters and Résumés</b>	Dr. Po-Tsan Ku, Career Development Specialist for CNS Grad Students and Postdocs	Noon-1:00pm NHB 1.720
12/13/2016	<b>Career and Professional Development Seminar Series</b> (for non-academic careers): <b>Session 3: Interview Preparation</b>	Dr. Po-Tsan Ku, Career Development Specialist for CNS Grad Students and Postdocs	Noon-1:00pm NHB 1.720
1/17/2017	<b>Career Exploration Panel Discussion with PhD Physical Scientists</b> working in Industry	Craig Cone, Canon Nanotechnologies; John Hammond, Intel Corporation; Dan Tecuci, Ernst and Young	Noon-1:00pm NHB 1.720
2/21/2017	<b>Avoiding Plagiarism Presentation and Discussion Session</b>	Dr. Sara Saylor, University Writing Center	Noon-1:15pm NHB 1.720
3/21/2017	<b>Career Exploration Panel Discussion with PhD Scientists</b> working in Government Labs/Agencies	Suting Zheng, Texas DSHS; Leticia Nogueira, Texas DSHS; Jessica Myers, TCEQ	Noon-1:00pm NHB 1.720
4/18/2017	<b>Career Exploration Panel Discussion with PhD Data Scientists</b>	Barbara Wendelberger, PhD, Berry Consultants, Inc; John Taylor, PhD, Texas Parks and Wildlife;	Noon-1:00pm NHB 1.720
6/6/2017	<b>Academic Career Presentation with Dr. Veronica Martinez Acosta</b>	Dr. Martinez Acosta, Associate Professor of Biology at the University of the Incarnate Word	Noon-1:00pm NHB 1.720
6/20/2017	<b>Academic Career Presentation with Dr. Mark Lewis</b>	Dr. Lewis, Professor of Computer Science at Trinity University	2:00-3:00pm NHB 1.720



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7/18/2017	<b>Teaching Statement Workshop with Dr. Julie Sievers,</b>	Dr. Sievers, Director for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship at Southwestern University (Georgetown, TX)	Noon-1:15pm NHB 1.720

All CNS-sponsored Professional Development events are listed on the [Online Events Calendar](#), and are advertised via email using the CNS grad student and postdoc email listserv ([cns-gradstudents@utlists.utexas.edu](mailto:cns-gradstudents@utlists.utexas.edu) and [cns-postdocs@utlists.utexas.edu](mailto:cns-postdocs@utlists.utexas.edu))

**Information about Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Certification:**

CNS provides ongoing Responsible Conduct of Research training and certification opportunities for graduate students. Many funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health, require training in scientific ethics for graduate students and postdocs supported by various types of grants and fellowships. Information about RCR training/certification opportunities will be provided via email and online.