

# Graduate Student Workshops & Events



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## Navigating the Job Search: Winter Wellness Edition

**Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 12-1 pm | Location: GPSRC**

Searching for a job or internship in today's competitive economy can feel isolating, especially when rejection or pressure to find the "dream job" sets in. This workshop offers a supportive space to regain clarity and momentum while learning practical job search strategies, including structuring a focused search, tailoring applications, and leveraging networking. You will also gain tools for managing stress, overcoming imposter syndrome, and maintaining healthy routines throughout the process.



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## Career Fair Prep: Stay on Course

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 12-1 pm | Location: Zoom**

This workshop will equip you with the strategies and tools needed to excel at the March 4th Virtual Career Expo. Learn how to effectively navigate virtual platforms, engage with recruiters, and present yourself confidently in online settings. Key topics include preparing your elevator pitch, crafting a professional online presence, and following up after the event. By the end of the session, you'll be ready to make a memorable impression and maximize your networking opportunities at virtual career fairs.



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## Behavioral Interview Pointers: Your Path to Success

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12-1 pm | Location: GPRSC**

Ace behavioral interview questions with confidence and clarity. In this workshop, you will learn how to effectively use the BART method (Background, Action, Result, Takeaway) to share compelling stories highlighting your skills, experiences, and achievement. Gain valuable insights on what employers are looking for, practice answering questions, and walk away with tools you need to leave a lasting impression in any interview.



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## Why a Successful Job Search is a Focused Job Search

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:45 am | Location: Zoom**

Academic and professional employers have very different criteria when evaluating job candidates, which means grad students and PhDs must adopt a different strategy when applying for non-academic jobs. Join this webinar to learn how grad students and PhDs will need to focus their job search on a specific career pathway and shift their strategy when applying to non-academic jobs.



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## How To Identify and Research Non-Academic Employers

**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:45 am | Location: Zoom**

Researching potential employers is a key step in applying to nonacademic jobs, helping PhDs identify organizations that align with their skills, values, and long-term career goals. Learn to research employers effectively, connect with professionals, and understand which organizations hire PhDs and international scholars. We'll also address how to navigate a slowing job market by clarifying your priorities and building toward lasting career satisfaction.



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## Why Generic Resumes Won't Get You a Job Offer

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:45 am | Location: Zoom**

Sending out resume after resume and hearing nothing back? You're not alone—many graduate students rely on online applications, but generic resumes rarely lead to job offers, especially in an AI-driven market where materials can all look the same. This webinar explains why tailoring your resume and using strategic job search methods is essential for standing out and accessing the hidden job market.



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## Will AI Help or Hurt My Job Search

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:45 am | Location: Zoom**

Generative AI tools promise to make job searching easier, from building resumes to preparing for interviews—but when everyone uses the same templates, standing out becomes harder than ever. Overreliance on generic AI outputs can hurt job seekers in an already saturated, highly-competitive market. This webinar explores how AI can both help and hinder PhDs in their job search, and how to use these tools wisely without losing your authentic voice or competitive edge.



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## How to Build and Grow Your Network for Non-Academic Job

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:45 am | Location: Zoom**

Building a network beyond academia is one of the biggest challenges PhDs face—and one of the most important parts of a successful job search. A strong, engaged network helps you stay visible, shorten your search, and stand out in a competitive market. Learn how to build, expand, and maintain professional connections, both in person and virtually, while maintaining momentum during the job search.

### Career Fairs

**Winter Career & Internship Fair**

Week 4 | Wed, Jan 28  
10 am-2 pm  
UCI Student Center



**PhD & Master's Virtual Career Expo**

Week 2 | Wed, March 4  
9 am-1 pm  
Zoom



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Explore career development tools, self-assessments, and career resources for both academic & non-academic careers.



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