

# Graduate Student Workshops & Events



 *Virtual Webinar Series*

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## How to Build a Stand-Out LinkedIn Profile

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 9-9:45 am | Location: Zoom

One of the most important tools PhDs can leverage in their job search is LinkedIn, but to effectively leverage this platform, you'll need to have a strong LinkedIn profile that clearly communicates who you are as a professional. Your LinkedIn profile will be the first impression colleagues and employers have of you, so it's important that your profile is well-written, impactful, and accurately portrays who you are and what you do. This webinar will help you use LinkedIn strategically and effectively in your job search.



 *Hybrid Workshop*

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## The Modern Graduate Student's Job Search: A Roadmap for Transition

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 12-1 pm | Location: GPSRC & Zoom (link shared upon registration)

If you're approaching the end of your graduate program without a clear next step, you're not alone. The transition out of graduate school can feel isolating and uncertain, especially when the path forward isn't obvious. Moving from academia to the workplace is rarely straightforward, but it is easier to navigate with support. In this hands-on workshop, we'll get practical: how the modern job search actually works, how to translate years of graduate-level work into the competencies employers recognize, and how to use AI tools ethically and strategically. Through short career sprints, you'll leave with a clearer sense of direction and a personal roadmap for landing your first role after graduate school.



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## How to Stand Out in a Competitive Job Market

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:45am | Location: Zoom

Today's job market is highly competitive, often saturated, and hiring has slowed across nearly all sectors. It's one of the most challenging environments job seekers have faced in years. So how can you stand out as a PhD in this crowded market? This webinar will help you learn what catches an employer's attention in a crowded job market and how to navigate additional factors, e.g. visas, geography, and funding considerations.



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## Beyond the Professoriate Virtual PhD Career Conference

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>-Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:45 am | Location: Zoom

Beyond Prof's annual career conference is designed to help PhDs quickly learn how to build a foundation for your job search strategy. Sessions include:

- **May 4:** What employers actually value about your degree
- **May 5:** How to write a resume
- **May 6:** How to network when you don't have a network
- **May 7:** Using LinkedIn in your job search
- **May 8:** Advice for international students on the job search

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**Thriving in the Workplace after Graduate School: Culture, Networks, and Influence**

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 10-11 am | Location: GPSRC & Zoom (link shared upon registration)**

Starting a new job after graduate school can feel like learning a whole new language. Workplace cultures have unspoken rules, communication styles, and expectations that aren't always obvious at first. In this interactive workshop, we will explore how to recognize workplace norms, navigate professional dynamics, and build influence without needing a formal leadership title. Participants will practice interpreting real-world workplace signals through scenario simulations, a fun "decode the email" activity, and a culture-mapping exercise designed to help you understand how organizations actually operate. You'll leave with practical strategies for managing up, building strong professional relationships, and developing the social capital that helps people succeed in modern workplaces.

 *In-Person Workshop*

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**Salary Negotiation**

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:15 pm | Location: DCP Training Room**

Salary negotiation can be intimidating, but it is one of the most important conversations to have at the beginning of your career. Learn preparation tactics, practical strategies, and receive additional resources to help you prepare and feel more confident negotiating job offers after grad school.

**Career & Internship Fair - All Majors**



**Spring Career & Internship Fair**

- Week 2 | Thu, April 9
- 10 am-2 pm
- UCI Student Center



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