

Graduate Student Workshops & Events



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The Key Difference between Academic and Non-Academic Hiring

Wednesday, October 7th, 9-9:45 am | Location: Zoom

Academic and nonacademic employers value very different aspects of your PhD training and experience. To job search effectively, you need to understand what each type of employer is looking for and adopt a strategy accordingly. Designed for those wondering:

- How is academic hiring different from nonacademic hiring?
- What do nonacademic employers look for in a candidate, and how will that affect my job search?
- Why do I need to focus my job search on a specific career pathway?



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Going Beyond Subject Matter: How to Identify Skills Employers Want

Wednesday, October 21st, 9-9:45 am | Location: Zoom

Learn how to reflect on your graduate training, identify the transferable skills you've developed, and communicate your value clearly to nonacademic employers — in your job documents and in interviews. Designed for PhDs wondering:

- How do I identify the skills I've developed in my graduate training?
- What do nonacademic employers look for in a candidate — and how does my background align?
- How do I communicate my value to employers when my expertise is highly specialized?



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How to Research Career Options in Industry

Wednesday, November 4th, 9-9:45am | Location: Zoom

Not sure what careers fit your PhD? Join this webinar to learn how to begin identifying and researching nonacademic career options that align with your background and professional goals. Designed for PhDs wondering:

- Why is it so difficult to identify career options that align with my background and expertise?
- How do I research career options that fit my skills, values, and personal goals?
- Once I have identified career options, where do I begin my job search?



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Building a Network to Help you in Academia and Beyond

Wednesday, November 18th, 9-9:45 am | Location: Zoom

Networking is how academics AND professionals build community, find mentors, learn from others in their field, and stay informed about opportunities and areas of growth. Networking is also standard practice outside of academia, and an essential part of an effective job search — academic or nonacademic. Join the Beyond Prof team for this webinar where we'll walk you through how to build and grow a network that supports your career goals, whether you are exploring careers in academia or beyond.



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How to Decide Between an Academic and Nonacademic Career (Webinar Series)

Monday December 7th - Thursday December 10th, 9-9:45 am | Location: Zoom

Evaluate your career options and identify next steps in building your career either as faculty or beyond the professoriate.

- **December 7** - How to Decide and What You Need to Consider
- **December 8** - How to identify your values
- **December 9** - How to identify your most marketable skills
- **December 10** - Practical Considerations and Your Decision Rubric



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UC Irvine
Graduate Division

Career Foundations Series

Monday, October 26th & Monday, November 9th, 12-1 pm | Location: Virtual

Career Foundations Series is an intensive workshop program designed to give PhD students insight into and preparation for the industry job search process.

Session 1: October 26th (VIRTUAL): Identifying your Skills, Values, and Interests

Set yourself up for success by identifying the transferable skills, values, and interests contributing to the job search and lifelong career satisfaction.

Session 2: November 2nd (VIRTUAL): Leveraging LinkedIn and Developing Your Professional Brand

Learn how to craft a standout LinkedIn profile, connect strategically, and leverage your network effectively. We'll cover profile optimization, strategic networking, and content creation to position yourself as a thought leader.



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Virtual Career Fair**

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UCI Career Fairs

**In-Person
Fall
Career Fair**

Week 2 | Thurs, 10/8
10 am-2 pm
UCI Student Center

**In-Person
STEM
Career Fair**

Week 3 | Thurs, 10/15
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