Graduate Student Resources

Exploring Your Career Options:

Step One: Know Yourself

Ask yourself:
- What are you good at doing? (skills)
- What do you like to do? (interests)
- What is important to you? (values)

Career Assessments give you language to articulate:
- Skills
- Interests
- Values

Recommended Assessments:
- Imagine PhD
- MyPhD
- Focus2Career
- Strong Interest Indicator
- StrengthsQuest

Step Two: Skills Inventory

What skills do you have:
- What skills did you gain from your graduate studies?
- What are your transferable skills outside of your discipline-specific knowledge?

What skills do you need:
- What are the common skills needed in your interest area(s)?
  » Look at a variety of job descriptions to get a scope of knowledge and transferable skills needed.
  » Use LinkedIn to do a skills assessment on yourself.
    – Use alumni and your specific degree as filters to find job titles and skill lists.

Career Planning:

Imagine PhD
A career exploration and planning tool for the humanities and social sciences. imaginephd.com
- This resource assesses your career-related skills, interests, and values to explore careers appropriate to your discipline.
- The Job Families component of this site details out 16 job families that are relevant to the humanities and social sciences for PhD students to explore potential careers.

My IDP
A career planning tool for PhD students and postdocs in STEM. myidp.sciencecareers.org
- Assessments to examine your career skills, interests, and values that link to potential career paths.
- Includes a tool for setting career and professional development goals.

Beyond the Professoriate
Resource to help PhDs leverage their education in meaningful careers.
- Resources include webinars, recorded career panels, and recorded interviews with over 150 PhD professionals with diversified career paths.

Beyond Graduate School
Resource to help masters-level students leverage their education in meaningful careers.
- Resources include webinars, recorded career panels, and tools for setting career and professional development goals.
Career Workshops and Events:

360 Critical Skills for Career Success Program:
• Multiple professional development workshops given each month in 6 skill areas.

Career Power Hour Series:
• Monthly, 1-hour, industry career related seminars.

Academic Job Market Summer Bootcamp:
• Focused 4 day workshop series given each summer to prepare students to enter the academic job market.

10+ Career Fairs hosted by OSU Career Services each academic year:
• Your job search strategy should include campus recruiting and the opportunities available from the OSU Hire System (job posting system on HireOSUgrads.com), campus career fairs, on-campus interviews, and connection sessions with company representatives.

Meet 1:1 with a dedicated graduate-level Career Consultant:

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