

Beyond Academia: Career Insights

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into career opportunities.

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September

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An Introduction to Management and Leadership Styles | Sept. 10 at 3 to 4:30 p.m. EST

Have you ever considered the difference between being a manager and being a leader? This workshop provides an overview of the distinct characteristics associated with each of these roles. Information about the four general leadership styles will also be provided. Participants will be able to identify when to manage and when to lead as well as learn the type of leadership styles that resonates best with them.



From Pathways to Impact: Designing Your Career in Industry | Sept. 11 at 1 to 2 p.m. EST

What changes when you move from graduate school to industry? How can you intentionally build a career that grows with your interests, strengths, and aspirations? In this panel, industry professionals will share their career journeys, reflect on the transition from academia to industry, and discuss the non-technical skills that have accelerated their growth. Through candid stories and practical insights, panelists will explore how careers evolve over time, how to approach pivotal career decisions, and how to navigate opportunities, challenges, and change with purpose.



From Researcher to Founder: Packaging Academic Work into Autonomous Careers | Sept. 25 at 1 to 2 p.m. EST

Curious about how your research can carve an independent path outside traditional corporate or faculty tracks? Learn more about the concept of Traversing the Valley of Death, the systematic process of proving, packaging, and translating complex academic theories and deep research into structured enterprise assets. You will discover a practical roadmap to scale the real-world impact of your knowledge frameworks, allowing you to build a career path you completely own, control, and monetize.



October



What I Wish I Knew Before Entering Industry | Oct. 16 at 1 to 2 p.m. EST

In this session, hear firsthand reflections on the lessons learned during the transition, what life in industry is really like, and the skills and mindsets that make the biggest difference. Through personal experiences and practical advice, you'll gain insights to help you navigate your own career journey with greater confidence and a clearer understanding of what to expect beyond graduate school.



Self-Awareness: A Vital Component of Leadership | Oct. 22 at 3 to 4:30 p.m. EST

Leadership is often associated with vision, influence, decision-making, and the ability to inspire others. While these qualities are undoubtedly important, they are built upon a more fundamental foundation: self-awareness. Before leaders can effectively guide others, navigate conflict, build trust, or create meaningful change, they must first understand themselves. This workshop provides a framework for how to build self-awareness so that one can become a more effective and engaging leader.



Building a Career Beyond Your Degree | Oct. 30 at 1 to 2 p.m. EST

Your graduate degree prepares you with valuable skills but your career path may take you in unexpected directions. Learn how a recent graduate student leveraged transferable skills, embraced continuous learning, and navigated new opportunities on the path from graduate school to a career in the data and AI industry. You'll leave with practical strategies for identifying skill gaps, using feedback in interviews to grow, and confidently pursuing careers across a variety of industries.

November



Communicating Your Research to Broad Audiences | Nov. 6 at 1 to 2 p.m. EST

Great research can only make a difference if people understand why it matters. In this session, we will discuss practical strategies for explaining complex research in clear language for audiences beyond your field, which could include industry partners, policymakers, funders, and the public. Participants will leave with simple techniques to reduce jargon, show why their research matters, and communicate effectively in a variety of professional settings.



Skills in Demand: How Graduate Education Prepares You for Corporate Challenges | Nov. 13 at 1 to 2 p.m. EST

The skills you develop in graduate school are highly valued by employers. Learn how research, problem-solving, communication, and analytical thinking translate into success in the corporate world. You'll leave with practical insights on how to showcase your skills and confidently navigate today's job market.