



CMB Careers Presents [SciPhD:](#)

My Career Identity: Preparing for a Professional Career

Friday May 6, 2016, 9AM-1PM Workshop; 1-2 PM Lunch

Location: 2955 THSL & GAP Lounge

CMB “Field Day” to Follow-Palmer Field

The **SciPhD half-day workshop** is focused on preparing graduate students for professional careers. This interactive workshop will cover:

- The Business of Science: similarities and difference in how science is performed in academia and other professional settings
- Skills and competencies valued by professional organizations
- Developing Your Brand: Your scientific, business and social identities
- Job opportunities (types of companies and types of jobs for PhDs)
- Dissecting a job ad to identify all the critical skills
- Developing a targeted resume
- Building and developing your network
- Leveraging your network
 - Obtaining job intelligence
 - Obtaining company intelligence
 - Getting your targeted resume to the hiring manager’s desk
- Career Development Planning: Students will learn to complete the following checklist:
 - be able to identify critical skills for jobs that fit their career objectives
 - identify the skills that need improvement
 - identify opportunities and resources to gain those skills
 - Develop a timeline to complete the above goals

Students still in their graduate training period have a unique opportunity to acquire experiences that demonstrate their mastery of skills that are highly valued by hiring companies. Identifying these required skills early on provides an opportunity to implement a career development programs as part of completing your thesis work. Mentoring students, developing and managing collaborations, developing and managing budgets, and applying project management methods in the execution of your science are all conceivably possible as part of your graduate experience, and provide the *experience* that many companies look for in competitive candidates. By understanding early on what skills are valued you can take maximum advantage of the opportunities your current program presents to gain these skills.

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