



Graduate Center

The Graduate Center is a hub of campus-wide professional development resources for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. We offer support in-person and online. Our workshops and events focus on five areas of professional development: Communication, Multiple Career Pathways Support, Mentoring, Wellness, and Interdisciplinarity and Diversity.

Upcoming Spring 2021 Graduate Center Events and Services

-- All workshops and services are FREE and offered remotely --

Full details about the programs and additional on-campus professional development opportunities can be found on our website: <https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/>. Dates and times are subject to change.

Graduate Center Newsletter

A quarterly newsletter with articles featuring resources, student and alumni profiles, community engagement, and opportunities for collaboration. Stay connected and [sign up to receive the newsletter](#) four times per academic year.

Writing Efficiency Sessions

A weekly virtual program to help attendees complete their writing projects. The program includes timed writing sprints, a short discussion about improving your writing productivity, and the opportunity to meet 1:1 with a writing consultant. Attend all or part of a session. There is no cost to register or attend.

- Wednesdays, 2 PM to 5 PM, starting January 27
- Fridays, 9 AM to 12 PM, starting January 29

ABD to PhD Writing Workshops

A participatory workshop series focused on dissertation writing. Registration to open in January 2021.

- Literature Review 2.0: Synthesizing Information
January 27, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Online via Zoom
- Sentence Fluency
February 24, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Online via Zoom
- Writing In-Depth Analysis to Support your Research
March 31, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Online via Zoom

[Graduate College Career Advising](#)

The Graduate Center supports graduate students and postdoctoral scholars in their career endeavors, with a focus on the transition to industry, government, business, and non-profit employment sectors. Support includes identifying opportunities, conducting searches, networking, drafting application materials, and interviewing. You can schedule a 1:1 career advising appointment using [Handshake](#) (select "Graduate College Career Advising" and follow [the prompts](#)) or by emailing [Dr. Joel Muraco](#) or [Ryan Sermon](#) directly.

[Career Forward Sprint: Beyond the Academy](#)

For graduate students and postdoctoral scholars who are thinking about careers outside the academy. This free, fully online (D2L) program teaches strategies to help you successfully navigate your career beyond the academy, while presenting your most professional self. The 1-month cohort experience covers:

1. Career research and discovery
2. Building your network and your professional self
3. Developing your application materials
4. Preparing for and practicing interviewing

In typical Sprint fashion, recommended daily tasks help ensure you keep moving forward! If you have questions or want to reserve your spot, please email [Dr. Joel Muraco](#) or [Ryan Sermon](#). **A new cohort begins every month.**

Graduate Center Endorsed Career Fairs

2021 Virtual Spring Career Days

Every semester the University of Arizona facilitates a multi-day career fair that brings together employers who are actively recruiting and networking. While it is true these employers may not be readily recruiting for roles requiring an advanced degree, you may still find opportunities of interest. If nothing else, this is a fantastic opportunity for you to begin building relationships with potential employers of interest because you never know where your next opportunity will come from. The 2021 Virtual Spring Career Days is facilitated via [Handshake](#) and takes place over the following three days:

- Non-Profit & Green - Tuesday, February 9, 11 AM to 3 PM, online via Handshake
- All Disciplines - Wednesday, February 10, 11 AM to 3 PM, online via Handshake
- STEM - Thursday, February 11, 11 AM to 3 PM, online via Handshake

2021 Graduate Career Consortium Virtual Career Expo

The Graduate Career Consortium Virtual Career Expo is a single day, online career expo for advanced degree students, postdocs, and alumni in fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Humanities, Arts, and Social Science. This event connects PhD & Master's students, Postdocs and Alumni to employers for a virtual networking and recruitment experience using the CareerEco platform. While details are still forthcoming, the event is scheduled for March 3, 2021, so make sure to put a hold on your calendar that day and stay tuned for more

information in the coming weeks! If you have questions in the interim, please contact [Dr. Joel Muraco](#).

Career Fair Prep Program

This free and fully online program for **graduate students** launches one month before each of the University of Arizona's career fairs - in **August** for fall semester and **January** for spring semester - and provides information, guidance, and resources on:

- Using Handshake to research employers and their opportunities
- Crafting a self-introduction and talking points to make a great first impression
- Preparing application materials if you find opportunities of interest
- Maximizing your interactions with employers day-of
- Continuing to build relationships after the event

Additionally, participants receive priority appointment scheduling with your career support team. This means you can schedule a 30-minute 1:1 career counseling appointment the same day (as available) to help you prepare for the career fair.

This semester's Career Fair Prep Program launches January 25, 2021 in preparation for the 2021 Virtual Spring Career Days February 9-11, 2021.

If you have questions or want to reserve your spot, please email [Dr. Joel Muraco](#) or [Ryan Sermon](#).

Preparing for Faculty Job Applications Series

This series of participatory workshops focuses on the academic job market and addresses topics such as writing teaching, research, and diversity statements; creating ePortfolios; managing your online presence; and preparing for interviews.

- Pathways Beyond PhD
 - January 26, 12 PM to 1:30 PM, online via Zoom
- Writing Diversity Statements
 - February 2, 12 PM to 1:15 PM, online via Zoom
- Developing your Teaching and Research Statements
 - February 9, 12 PM to 1:15 PM, online via Zoom
- Creating ePortfolios and an Online Presence
 - February 16, 12 PM to 1:15 PM, online via Zoom
- Preparing for the Academic Job Interview
 - February 23, 12 PM to 1:15 PM, online via Zoom
- Application Materials Review
 - Process and timeline to be announced

“Fighting Feeling like a Fraud: An Interactive Workshop to Combat

Impostor Syndrome” with Dr. Laura Hunter

This workshop will provide an overview of Impostor Syndrome, common thoughts associated with the phenomenon, and examples of how it impacts careers. Strategies will be offered to overcome impostor anxiety, and there will be time for discussion among participants.

- Date and time to be announced

Grad Slam Presentation Competition (learn more and register at <http://bit.ly/UAGradSlam>)

An annual event in which graduate students have three minutes to share their work with a general audience—and compete for thousands of dollars in prize money!

- Information sessions January 27 through February 24, Online via Zoom
 - January 27, 9 AM to 10 AM
 - February 9, 4 PM to 5 PM
 - February 22, 1:15 PM to 2:15 PM
- February 25: Registration Deadline
- March 25: Video Recording Upload Deadline
- April 1: Semifinal Rounds, Online
- April 8: Final Round, Online

Grad Slam Public Speaking Workshops

Open to all students regardless of competition participation. Learn more and register at <http://bit.ly/UAGradSlam>. Provided via Zoom. Registration will open in January 2021.

- Intro to the Message Box and Defining the Audience and Topic
 - January 27: 12 PM to 1 PM
- Communicating the Problem and Answering the “So What” Question
 - February 3, 12 PM to 1 PM
- Communicating Benefits and Solutions to Your Audience
 - Feb 10: 12 PM to 1 PM
- Crafting a Memorable Message
 - Feb 17: 12 PM to 1 PM
- Visual Design Considerations
 - Feb 24: 12 PM to 1 PM
- Presenting with Confidence and Effective Use of Body Language and Vocal Variety
 - March 3: 12 PM to 1 PM
- Rehearsing and Soliciting Feedback
 - March 10: 12 PM to 1 PM

Funding Workshops

A series of workshops on funding opportunities and strategies for application writing.

- **Funding for domestic students doing international research**
 - Monday, February 1 from 12 PM to 1 PM. Please [register](#).
- **Funding for international graduate students studying in the U.S.**

- Tuesday, February 9 from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM on Zoom. Please [register](#)
- **Funding for students entering the dissertation stage** (planning to defend Spring 2023)
 - Tuesday, March 23 from 9:30AM to 10:30AM on Zoom. Please [register](#).

Funding workshops continued

- **NSF GRFP Information Sessions**
An overview of the application process and tips on applying.
 - Thursday, April 15 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Please [register](#).
 - Tuesday, April 20 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 AM. Please [register](#).
- **DAAD Information Session**
An overview of an excellent source of funding for study and research in Germany
 - Tuesday, April 27 from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Please [register](#). More information and assistance on our the Office of Fellowships and Community Engagement [website](#).
- **Student Fulbright Application Workshop**
 - To be announced. Please contact the Honors College [Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships](#) for more information.

Engaging Students in Learning Through Interactive Teaching--featuring UArizona Master Teachers

- Date and time to be announced

“Communication Skills That Make a Difference” with Jack Harris

This workshop is for people who want to communicate more effectively, build better relationships, and learn practical skills they can apply to everyday, real-life situations. Registration link coming soon.

- March 24, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM, Online via Zoom

AAUW Start Smart Workshops on Establishing Salary Goals and Effective Negotiation

A set of workshops that help attendees understand the impact of the gender pay gap, establish salary goals, and effectively interview for and negotiate a job offer.

- Date and times to be announced. More information coming soon.

In addition to our programs, we promote opportunities offered by our campus partners: see our [online calendar](#).

Have questions about our programs listed above, ideas for new programs, or other topics? Send them to gradcenter@email.arizona.edu or call 520-621-0580.