Finding the Right Path for You

Community Outreach: From Ideas to Action
Noelle Wakefield, PhD
Assistant Dean, Diversity Initiatives and Director, MIT Summer Research Program
Gisselle Vélez Ruiz, PhD
Associate Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Broad Institute
Taylor Baum
CEO and Founder of Sprouting
Join us for a panel discussion about outreach initiatives! Learn about our panelists’ career trajectories and how to be involved in outreach efforts.

Session organizers:
Gabriella Lopez Perez
Julia Dierksheide

Wednesday, January 17th
1–2:30pm, 68-181

From Lab to Leadership: Navigating Biotech & Pharma Career Trajectories
Kathleen McGinness, PhD
Vice President, Arrakis Therapeutics
Bryce Carey, PhD
Director, Vertex Pharmaceuticals
Jon Kenniston, PhD
Director, Takeda
Explore the journey from the bench to leadership roles with industry experts from Arrakis Therapeutics, Takeda, and Vertex Pharmaceuticals. They will discuss transitioning from academia to the dynamic biotech and pharma industries, highlighting the challenges and opportunities in mentorship and interdisciplinary teamwork.

Session organizers:
Danica Cui
Jennifer Kosmatka

Thursday, January 18th
4–5:30pm, 68-181

Teaching with a PhD: Exploring Teaching-focused Career Options
Leah Okumura, PhD
Senior Instructor, Biological Sciences Laboratory, Wellesley College
Summer Morrill, PhD
Instructor in Science, Phillips Exeter Academy
Elizabeth Dunphy, PhD
Professor, Bunker Hill Community College
Interested in teaching but not sure what type of academic institution would be the best fit? Come learn about our panelists’ experiences teaching at a high school, community college, and a primarily undergraduate institution.

Session organizers:
Julia Dierksheide
Hannah LeBlanc

Wednesday, January 24th
1–2 pm, 68-181

Careers Beyond the Bench: Using your PhD in the Business World
Lauren Mifflin, PhD
Vice President of Company Creation, Frazier Life Sciences
Drew Lowery, PhD
Director of Life Sciences, Global Prior Art
Stephane Ricoult, PhD
Senior Director, Simon Kucher & Partners
Hear from industry leaders who successfully leveraged their graduate training in the business world. Learn about careers in consulting, IP patent law, and life sciences investment.

Session organizers:
Bonnie Su
Abdallah Mohamed

Thursday, January 25th
1–2:30 pm, 68-181

Pathways to Industry: Internships and Postdocs
Yami Acevedo-Sanchez, PhD Candidate
Interned, Abbvie
Allen Sanderlin, PhD Candidate
Internship course/Pfizer
Lara Tsering, PhD
Postdoctoral Fellow, Pfizer
Lauren Cotnoir
Abbbie Senior Specialist, R&D
Early Career Programs, Abbvie
Raghu Ram Katreddi, PhD
Postdoctoral Fellow, Discovery Neuroscience, Abbvie
Come learn about internship and postdoc opportunities for current PhD students. Hear first hand experiences from past interns and current postdocs in industry, and come chat one-on-one with panelists and recruiters while enjoying refreshments after the panel.

Session organizers:
Mira May
Gabriella Lopez Perez

Monday, January 29th
1–2:30pm, 68-181

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