



Biology IAP Seminars 2024

Finding the Right Path for You

Community Outreach: From Ideas to Action

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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
4–5pm, 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 Tshering, PhD

Postdoctoral Fellow, Pfizer

Lauren Cotnoir

Abbvie 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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