

Becoming a Graduate Career Development Professional

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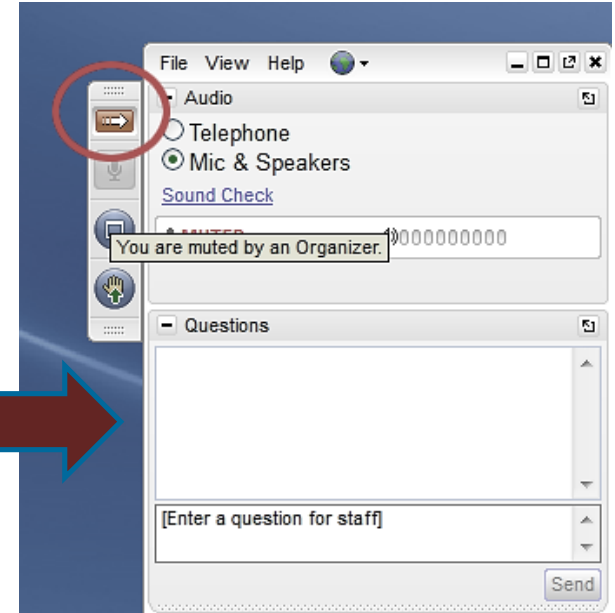
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Plan for today

- **Three speakers** will speak for approximately **40 minutes** total, followed by Q & A
 - **Hironao Okahana** of the Council of Graduate Schools will speak for approximately 5 minutes introducing the presenters and discussing CGS initiatives.
 - **Natalie Lundsteen** and **Alexis Thompson** will each speak for 15-20 minutes on their pathways to becoming graduate career development professionals at their current institutions.

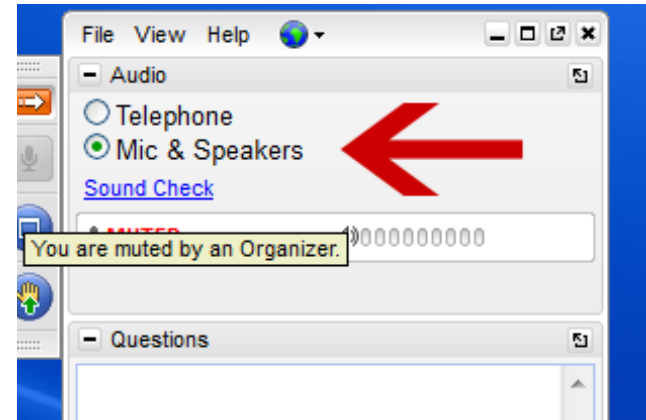
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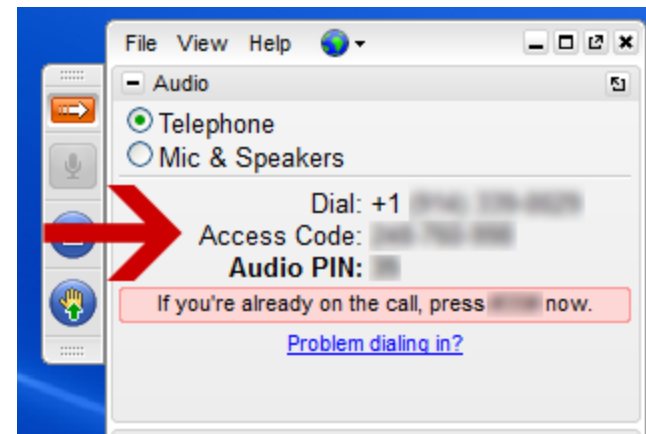


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Introduction:

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The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW):

- Known for hospitals and healthcare, patient care and clinical expertise
- Cutting-edge research: Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute, bioinformatics, regenerative science and medicine
- One of 14 campuses in the University of Texas System



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The Office of Graduate Career Development at UTSW:

- Serves 400 graduate students pursuing PhDs and 600 postdoctoral researchers
- Provides comprehensive career and professional development resources and programming for all career paths/options
- Develops some programming for faculty (i.e. mentorship training)
- Collaborates closely and most often with Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Student Wellness and Counseling
- Partners with and advises Graduate Student Organization, Postdoctoral Development Association, and 14 other career/professional organizations



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My career path:

- 15 years experience in student affairs & academic advising: pre-PhD focus on internships at Stanford, moved to Oxford to advise on 'work experience'
- 2011: PhD in Education: research on the transition from academia to workplace & development of expertise
- Post-PhD focus on graduate career development (an emerging professional field!)
- Built programming/resources at MIT & UTSW
- Longtime member of Graduate Career Consortium



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Graduate Career Consortium

The Graduate Career Consortium (GCC) is an international organization comprised of higher education professionals leading career and professional development for graduate students and postdocs since 1987.

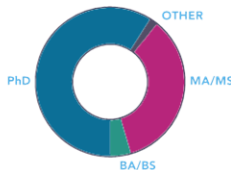
Who We Are

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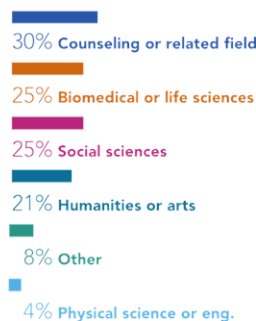
46% Graduate division or college
32% Campus-wide career center
10% Postdoctoral affairs
8% School career center
5% Academic program

Highest degree of members



400 members in
150+ organizations

Highest degree discipline of members



What We Impact

Carpe Careers Column Attracting over 200,000 readers through 56 articles in 2017-2018 alone, the Carpe Careers blog offers positive, actionable guidance to graduate students, postdocs, and institutions. Working in partnership with Inside Higher Ed since 2014, the blog has an average of 4,000 views per article. @carpecareers

ImaginePhD A free, online career exploration and planning tool for the humanities and social sciences, ImaginePhD is an individual development plan created by GCC members. Launched in October 2017, it now has over 13,000 users from 90 countries. @ImaginePhD

Annual Conference The annual conference for best practices in graduate and postdoc career and professional development facilitates discussion of national trends, engagement with fellow members, and sharing of resources. A 1 day pre-conference for new professionals focuses on critical components of graduate and postdoc career support including job search materials, case studies, and sharing of existing and new tools and resources.



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Institutional Profile

155+

Master's degree
programs

16,000+

Graduate Students

90+

Doctoral degree
programs

2,500+

Graduate Faculty

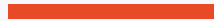
25+

Fully online
graduate degree
programs

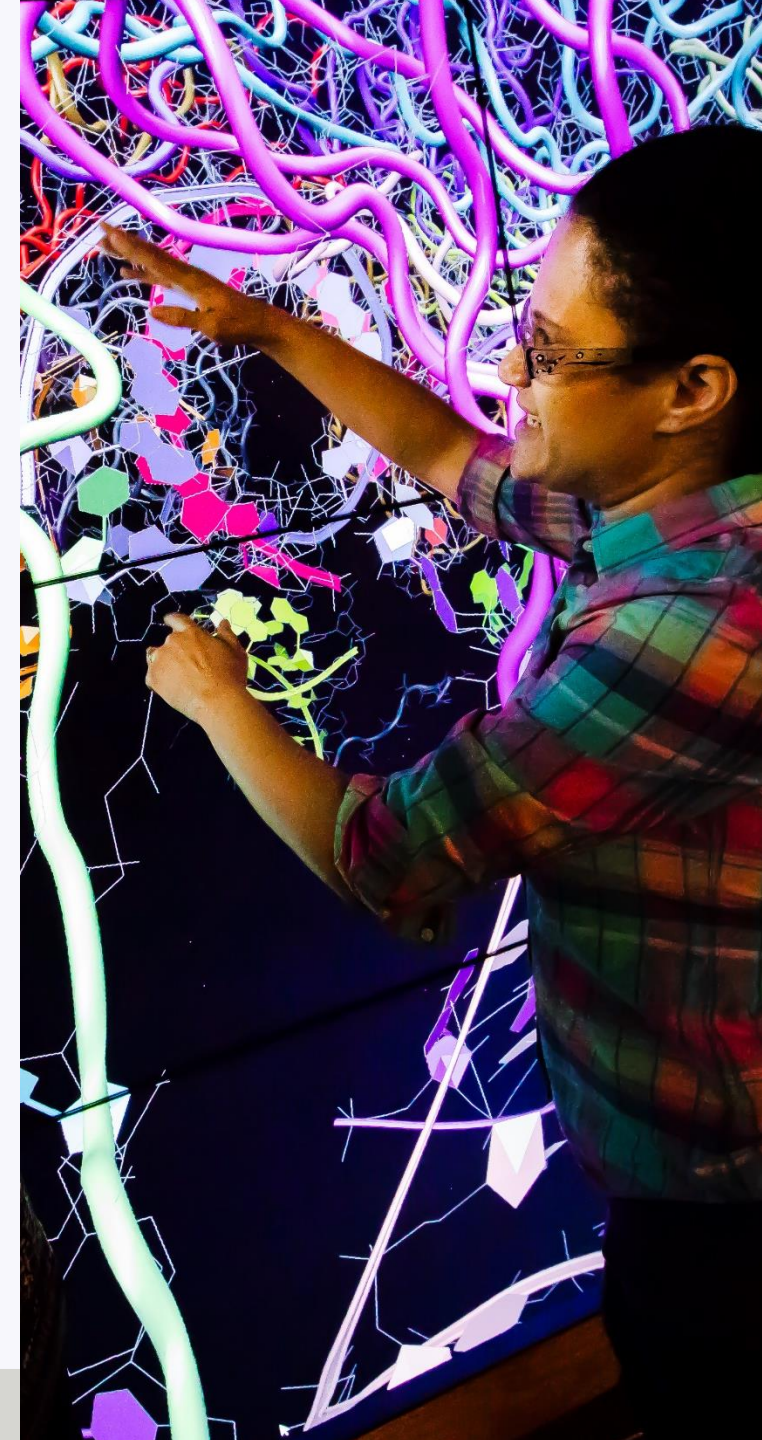
400+

EOs, DGSs, and
grad program
contacts

MY CAREER PATH



Careers take unexpected turns



CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE STRUCTURE

Part of coordinated campus
career services community

Located in Graduate College in
Student Success area



CORE SERVICES

Advising

Exploration and job search groups

Workshops and online resources

Employer connections



CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS

Connect with faculty on departmental programs

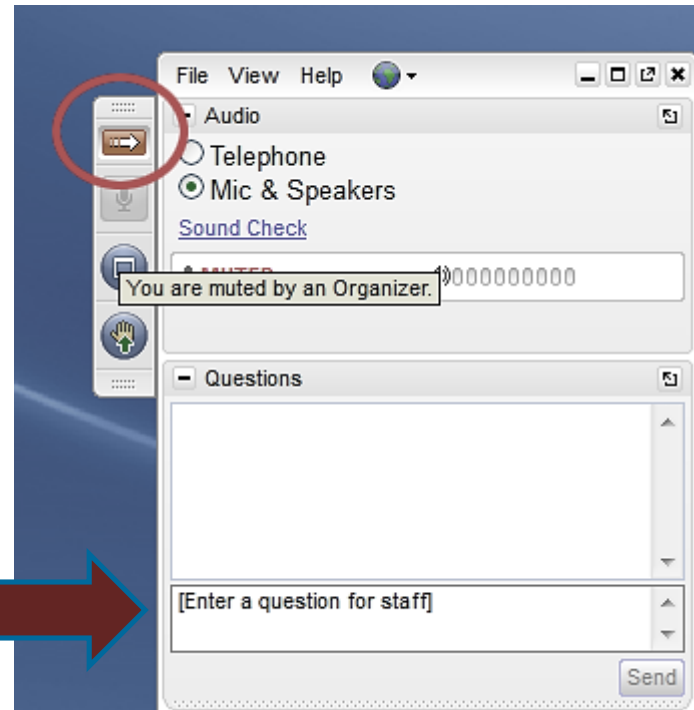
Offer workshops for departments and student groups



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