

Forging Industry-Ready Scholars: The Future of Employment Aligned PhDs

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NC State University Overview

- ~10,000 graduate students with ~3600 doctoral within
- 101 Master's programs and 65 doctoral programs
- Significant resources and effort devoted to professional development
 - Accelerate to Industry (A2i)
- Extends also to post-doctoral scholars



A2i Components:



Job Search Strategies

- Setting a strategy
- Tailoring your application materials
- Interview Preparation
- Managing the job offer and salary negotiation



Company Site Visit

- In-person and virtual
- Opportunity to explore different companies, learn about company culture and job roles, and network with industry professionals



Internship

- ePACK
- Micro-Internships
- Workplace preparedness series focused on topics such as: generations in the workplace, communication styles, etc.



Team Practicum

- Interdisciplinary team project
- Hands-on exposure to industry projects
- Opportunity for feedback and reflection
- Immersion Week involvement



Immersion Week

- 5-day immersive program
- Graduate student/postdoc Career Fair
- Opportunities to build your network and learn directly from industry partners



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