Practices Make Perfect

Welcome from the Dean

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CareerSTART: A Personalized Professional Development Toolkit

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CareerSTART

Professional development is the continual process of assessing your abilities, setting goals and pursuing opportunities to grow in these areas. Developing as a professional will assist you as you make the transition from graduate school to the next stage in your career—and CareerSTART is here to help.

The CareerSTART program is a streamlined guide to resources at Illinois and elsewhere and provides tools to help you prioritize and achieve your goals. CareerSTART skills areas are organized around three main themes: Achieve, Thrive and Lead.

Thinking about your growth in terms of these themes can help you develop a comprehensive, well-rounded set of skills that will enhance your career potential.

Regardless of your discipline, career goals, or stage in your degree, you can tailor a program to fit your specific interests.
CareerSTART: Career Research and Job Search

Themes: THRIVE and ACHIEVE

Research possible fields and organizations, learn about the job search process and develop your application materials.

Resources

- Graduate College Career Services Office
- Career Services Network
- The Career Center
- Engineering Career Services
- Roy J. Carver Biotechnology Career Services
- ACES Career Services
- School of Chemical Sciences Career Counseling and Placement Services

Ideas for Activities

- Attend a résumé workshop and refine your résumé
- Interview someone in a career field of interest
- Go to a CV workshop and develop your application materials
- Learn how to prepare for an interview and practice interview questions
- Arrange a visit to an organization or institution
- Participate in a job shadowing or internship program
- Assess your skills, interests and values and explore possible career paths

Printer-friendly version
How can YOU use this?

• Central resource hub for departments, faculty, & students

• Orientation resource for new faculty advisers

• Tool to support graduate student career and professional development
How can you help us?

• Let us know about links & resources you think should be added

• Share with faculty & students across campus

• Watch for additional resources in the coming months...
Partnership for Graduate Student Success – Training and Support for Graduate Contacts

Mary Lowry
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Bolstering Student Success with External Fellowships

Ken Vickery
Director of External Fellowships
6 Strategies

1. Data collection
2. Fellowships database
3. Workshops
4. Sample proposals
5. One-on-one proposal-writing assistance
6. Strategize with departments
What you can do...

1. Encourage students to apply for fellowships
2. Refer students to Graduate College for assistance with their proposals
3. Meet with me
4. Feel free to request a workshop
Fellowships are Win-Win

1. Money
2. Time
3. Prestige
4. Improved dissertation
5. Critical skill for research career
Breakout Sessions

NRC Update
Richard Wheeler, Vice Provost
Technology Room

International Admissions
Beth Kibler, Director of Graduate and Professional Admissions
Lincoln Room

Helping Distressed & Distressing Students
Lisa Kinderman, Clinical Counselor
Chancellor Ballroom
Best Practices by Directors of Graduate Study

LL.M. Advantage: Introducing the Foreign Graduate Law Student to the Study of Law in the U.S.

Charlotte Ku, Assistant Dean, Graduate & International Legal Studies
Shannon N. Moritz, Director, Legal Research & Writing Program & Assistant Clinical Professor
Best Practices by Directors of Graduate Study

The Integration of Research, Teaching, & Service Learning in Doctoral Leadership Preparation

Janet S. Gaffney, Professor, Department of Special Education
Stacy K. Dymond, Associate Professor
Lance Neeper, Graduate Student
Florence Muwana, Graduate Student
Sponsored Luncheon

Steven Goldenberg
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Alan Spira, Senior Manager, Engagement Sales
Tim Waldron, Engagement Account Executive
Electronic Thesis Dissertation (ETD)

New Opportunities for Graduate Students

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Breakout Sessions

Gain Insight Into Your Academic Program with Program Profiles
Sally Mikel
Director, Information Management Systems
Chancellor Ballroom

Got Conflict? Using Policies of the Student Code to Prevent and Resolve Student Conflicts
Brian Farber
Director, Office for Student Conflict Resolution
Technology Room

Building a Diverse Student Body Through Outreach and Inclusion
Ave Alvarado
Director, Education Equity Program Office
Lincoln Room
Concluding Panel:  Highlights of Today’s Breakout Sessions

NRC Update, Charlotte Bauer

International Admissions, Beth Kibler

Distressed and Distressing Students, Anne Kopera

Program Profiles, Sally Mikel

Graduate Students and the Student Code, Anne Kopera

Diversity through Outreach and Inclusion, Ave Alvarado