



Graduate Student Professional Development Workshop Descriptions

Departments and programs may request any of the following graduate professional development workshops. The Graduate School regularly offers these sessions for all students through the [Graduate Student Resources Hub](#).

We are happy to work with your program to create tailored versions that address the specific needs and questions of your students. **We are also happy to develop new workshops and information sessions based on your specific needs.**

Please request a session using our [online form](#) or by emailing Matt Klopfenstein (klopfenm@mailbox.sc.edu).

Communicating Your Scholarly Identity

Description: Connecting the dots between your research interests, personal experience, and professional activities is a key part of any job, postdoc, or fellowship application. This interactive workshop will help you identify and articulate your distinct scholarly identity and teach you how to tell a cohesive story connecting your values, research, and service.

Time: 60 minutes

Grad Fellowships 101

Description: This workshop introduces the basics of graduate school fellowships and grants, including what they are, when/where to find them, what you will need to apply, and helpful resources from USC. This session can be customized to cover specific funding opportunities for particular fields and degree programs.

Time: 30-60 minutes

Graduate Services Overview

Description: This short presentation provides an overview of student service resources available to graduate students and is well-suited for program orientations, brown bag seminars, and events for new graduate cohorts. This session can provide a full overview of university-wide graduate student support or be customized to focus on particular types of resources (i.e., academic support, professional development, health and wellness).

Time: 10-20 minutes.

Navigating Uncertainty

Description: Life inside and outside of graduate school can be full of uncertainty and instability. This workshop will help you develop the mindset and habits necessary to set you up for success as a scholar and professional even when resources are scarce and outcomes are uncertain. Learn practical steps to help you capitalize on opportunities and take control of your time in graduate school.

Time: 60 minutes

Planning for Postdocs

Description: This workshop provides an overview of the What, Why, When, and How of postdocs. Learn about different types of postdocs, where and when to find them, how to apply, and how to make the most of your experience as a postdoc.

Time: 60 minutes

Planning Your Graduate School Experience

Description: What should your CV or resume look like by the time you finish your graduate program? Learn to start building the track record as a grad student that will take you to your desired profession. This workshop will help you map out a practical personal development plan for gaining the academic and professional skills you need for your future career during your graduate program.

Time: 60 minutes

Writing Research Proposals

Description: This workshop covers in detail how to prepare a research proposal for graduate fellowships and grants. We will examine each component of a proposal and address how to effectively prepare each part. This session is offered with specific versions for STEM, humanities and social sciences, and biomedical fields, and can be customized to particular programs and disciplines.

Time: 60-90 minutes