Grantsmanship I: Fundamentals of Grant Writing
July 17, 2013
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
MacMillan Hall, Room 117, 167 Thayer Street
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Identifying priorities & avoiding pitfalls when applying for the NIH’s Project Grants

Scientific Writing: Key Principles
August 13, 14 & 16, 2013
3:00 - 5:00 PM
J. Walter Wilson, Room 303, 69 Brown Street
Sponsored by: Initiative to Maximize Student Development

Demystifying the PhD Experience: Strategies for Academic & Personal Success in Grad School
August 19-23, 2013
8:30 - 11:00 AM
J. Walter Wilson, Room 303, 69 Brown Street
Sponsored by: Initiative to Maximize Student Development

Teaching for the First Time
August 29, 2013
Noon - 1:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning

Interactive Classrooms
August 30, 2013
9:00 - 10:00 AM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning

*Paw Sox Ticket Giveaway
August 30, 2013
6:15 PM
McCoy Stadium, 1 Columbus Avenue, Pawtucket RI
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies and Graduate School
A postdoc appreciation event: win up to 2 tickets to a PawSox game (followed by fireworks). All current Brown University Postdocs are eligible.

*New Trainee Orientation
August 30, 2013
All day
Sayles and Salomon Halls, 79-81 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies and Graduate School
Highlights of the day include a Campus Resource fair, Peer-Led Discussions on Graduate Student Life, and an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies.
Reading Scientific Publications
September 19 & 24 and October 1, 2013
2:00 - 3:50 PM (Thursday), 2:00 – 3:45 PM (Tuesdays)
Sidney Frank Hall, Room 250
Sponsored by: Initiative to Maximize Student Development

Finding a Faculty Position in Life/ Physical Sciences
September 9, 2013
12:00 - 1:00 PM
CareerLAB, 167 Angell Street
Sponsored by: CareerLAB (Center for Life After Brown)

Reflections on Teaching and Learning
September 9, 2013
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sheridan Center for Teaching & Learning

Interactive Classrooms
September 10, 2013
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sheridan Center for Teaching & Learning

How to Find a Job and Use Brown Resources for Graduate Students
September 11, 2013
4:00 - 5:00 PM
CareerLAB, 167 Angell Street
Sponsored by: CareerLAB (Center for Life After Brown)

Finding the Right Post-doc on the Sciences
September 16, 2013
12:00 - 1:00 PM
CareerLAB, 167 Angell Street
Sponsored by: CareerLAB (Center for Life After Brown)

Getting started on LinkedIn for Graduate Students
September 16, 2013
4:00 - 5:00 PM
CareerLAB, 167 Angell Street
Sponsored by: CareerLAB (Center for Life After Brown)

Pre Award: NIH Assorted Training - Career Development Awards ("K" Awards)
September 17, 2013
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Brown Office Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 164 Angell Street
Sponsored by: Brown’s Office of Sponsored Projects
Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Professional Development and Enrichment Events
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*Postdoctoberfest*
September 20, 2013
5:00 - 8:00 PM
The Underground, Stephen Robert '62 Center, 75 Waterman Street
Postdoctoberfest is an event for postdocs campus wide to get together socially. Enjoy German beer/wine/soft drinks along with bratwurst (veggie option available)/pretzels/and appetizers. All postdocs welcome.

CVs and Cover Letters for the Life/Physical Sciences
September 24, 2013
12:00 - 1:00 PM
CareerLAB, 167 Angell Street
Sponsored by: CareerLAB (Center for Life After Brown)

Getting Published - What STEM Grad Students Need
September 24, 2013
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Rockefeller Library, Patrick Ma Digital Scholarship Lab, 10 Prospect Street
Sponsored by: Brown University Library

Novartis Tour
October 8, 2013
11:30 AM - 6:00 PM
220 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Visit the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR), a global pharmaceutical research organization of Novartis in Cambridge, MA. The NIBR facility is home to research in the areas of Oncology - Infectious Disease – Ophthalmology - Cardiovascular Disease – Metabolic Disease.

E-Portfolios for the Academic Job Market
October 8, 2013
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning

Science Graduate Student/Postdoc Roundtable: Conversations about Mentoring
October 9, 2013
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning

Life Support for Graduate Students: Tips & Techniques for Success in Grad School
October 16, 2013
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Mencoff Hall, 68 Waterman Street
Most graduate students experience periods of stress or challenges that can interfere with their roles as students and scholars. This session will introduce key support at Brown to assist graduate students in maintaining a healthy and balanced perspective as they face the day-to-day challenges of their scholastic and professional careers. Come to this safe space to explore the multiple paths open to you as an academic and to make connections with people who are here to support you.

Grantsmanship II: The Peer Review Process F-Series Grant
October 30, 2013
12:30 - 2:00 PM
Petteruti Lounge, Stephen Robert ’62 Center, 75 Waterman Street.
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Identify priorities and avoid pitfalls when applying for federal funding. How do funding agencies evaluate your grant applications? How do reviewers really assess your research? Join us for an insider’s perspective on the review process and learn to tailor your grant proposals to meet agencies’ goals!

Hand Shakes, Eye Contact, and Small Talk: Effective Communication when Navigating the US Job Market
November 1, 2013
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Petteruti Lounge, Stephen Robert ’62 Center, 75 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Graduate School, CareerLAB, and Office of International Student & Scholar Services
A Program for International Graduate Students and Postdocs.

Becoming an Academic Parent
November 18, 2013
2:00 - 3:30 PM
J Walter Wilson, Room 411, 69 Brown Street
Sponsored by: Sarah Doyle Women's Center

Finding the Mentoring You Need
November 20, 2013
12:30 - 1:30 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning

How to Negotiate an Academic Job Offer
November 20, 2013
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Petteruti Lounge, Stephen Robert ’62 Center, 75 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Gain valuable advice from faculty & top level administrators.

How to Make a Smooth Transition from Academia to Industry
December 3, 2013
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Petteruti Lounge, Stephen Robert ’62 Center, 75 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Learn how to determine if a transition from academia to industry is right for you. The majority of young scientists will not end up in a traditional academic research position; this presentation will outline criteria to consider in deciding if embarking on an industry science career is right for you. Presented by Joanne Kamens, Ph.D., Executive Director at Addgene.

Navigating a Successful Graduate Career: Professionalism & Etiquette
January 13 & 16, 2014
J Walter Wilson, Room 301, 69 Brown Street
Sponsored by: Initiative to Maximize Student Development

Defending Your Research Proposal and Critiquing Those of Others
January 13-16, 2014
4:00 - 6:00 PM
J Walter Wilson, Room 201, 69 Brown Street
Sponsored by: Initiative to Maximize Student Development

Designing and Delivering Scientific Presentations
January 14, 15, 17
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Initiative to Maximize Student Development

Beyond the Hypothesis: Experimental Design and Critical Analysis
January 22 & 29, February 5, 12, 19, & 26
4:00 - 6:00 PM
J Walter Wilson, Room 302, 69 Brown Street
Sponsored by: Initiative to Maximize Student Development

Workshop: Classroom Communication
January 21, 2014
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning
This hands-on, interactive workshop introduces strategies to help new instructors hone the rhetorical skills fundamental to every academic career and improve their ability to communicate in their classrooms. Participants will learn how effective classroom communication can improve student learning and how to improve their own proficiency in communicating.

Academic Career Roundtable Series: Life as a Faculty Member
February 6, 2014
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning
F-Series Fellowship Series Information Session
February 12, 2014
12:00 - 1:00 PM
J. Walter Wilson, Room 304, 69 Brown Street
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Submitting an NRSA F-Series Fellowship? Need some guidance preparing your application? This basic training session will cover: fellowship overview; program announcement vs. instructions; tour of available resources; timelines and administrative contacts.

SciComm Exchange - Collegiate Conversations About Science Communication
February 25, 2014
12:00 - 1:30 PM
Science Center, 3rd floor Sciences Library, 201 Thayer Street
Sponsored by: Rhode Island NSF EPSCoR
The Metcalf Institute at the URI Graduate School of Oceanography is teaming with Rhode Island NSF EPSCoR to improve communication skills for scientists state-wide through short professional development programs.

Brown Bag Discussion: Talking Science w/ Cornelia Dean
February 26, 2014
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning
Society suffers when scientists and engineers keep away from policy debates, but their language of scholarly discourse can be ineffective in communicating with the public. Learn ways to approach this problem in a discussion led by Cornelia Dean, a science writer and former science editor of The NY Times, and author of Am I Making Myself Clear?, a guide for researchers.

Negotiating the Job Offer in the Sciences
February 27, 2014
4:30 - 5:30 PM
CareerLAB, 167 Angell Street
Sponsored by: CareerLAB (Center for Life After Brown)
Part of the Academic Job Search Series, this faculty panel will discuss the who, what, when, and how of negotiating an academic job offer in the sciences.

Essential Laboratory Calculations
March 10, 17 & 24
9:00 - 11:00 AM
J Walter Wilson, Room 402, 69 Brown Street
Sponsored by: Initiative to Maximize Student Development
Learn and review basic mathematical concepts and calculations commonly utilized in the laboratory setting and how to apply them. Learn pointers on accuracy, following protocols, data quantitation, and making measurements that are critical to experimental success and reproducibility. Review problem solving, as it relates to bench work, and how to present and decipher protocols in a written format used in peer-reviewed publications or grant applications.
Careers in Higher Education – Alternatives to Faculty Positions  
March 10, 2014  
12:00 - 1:00 PM  
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street  
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning  
The college and university setting is a great place to work – and faculty positions are not the only jobs on campus. If you are considering alternatives to faculty positions and want some ideas about the variety of positions available, join us for a panel discussion featuring Jabbar Bennett and Besenia Rodriguez, both Ph.D.s working as administrators at Brown.

Inspiring Women in STEM  
March 11, 2014  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Salomon Hall, Room 101, 79 Waterman Street  
Sponsored by: Associate Provost Liza Cariago-Lo, Initiative to Maximize Student Development, Graduate School, BioMed Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Women's History Month Group/Sarah Doyle Women’s Center, Neuroscience Graduate Program, MCB Graduate Program, MCB Department, School of Engineering, CLPS Department, Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, Leadership Alliance, Science Center, Office of Dean of the College  
Please join us for a panel discussion exploring the rewards and challenges of navigating a career in STEM while leading a fulfilling personal life.

Academic Career Roundtable Series: Life as a Faculty Member  
March 11, 2014  
12:00 - 1:00 PM  
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street  
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning  
Join the Sheridan Center to hear guest faculty from various institutions share their experiences as a faculty member, and their career paths that led to their academic positions. Cheryl Schnitzer is an Associate Professor of Chemistry at Stonehill College, where she teaches general, environmental and physical chemistry. She holds a Ph.D. from Tufts University and a B.A. from Skidmore College.

Conversations About Science Careers  
March 12, 2014  
9:00 - 10:00 AM  
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street  
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning  
Join Robin Wellington (Associate Professor of Psychology, St. John’s University) & Nicole Renaud (Computational Biologist, Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research) as they talk candidly about what it’s like to work as scientists in their positions. They will discuss the career paths that led them to their current jobs and offer advice and suggestions for those who are interested in exploring similar paths.

Trivia Night  
March 27, 2014
Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
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7:00 - 10:00 PM
The Underground, Stephen Robert ’62 Center, 75 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Open to all BioMed grad students, postdocs, and faculty. Professional DJ and trivia host promises a spirited competition. Come enjoy munchies, beer and wine and win prizes!

Career Exploration Panel: Entrepreneurship and Startups
April 2, 2014
3:00 - 4:30 PM
Petteruti Lounge, Stephen Robert ’62 Center, 75 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Considering a career outside of academia? Interested in becoming an entrepreneur but don’t know where to start? The experts taking part in this panel discussion will offer their real life experiences and advice for those interested in using their BioMed PhD to start their own company. Come hear their stories, ask questions, and get inspired!

Grantsmanship I: Fundamentals of Grant Writing
April 17, 2014
11:30 - 12:30 PM
J. Walter Wilson, Room 403, 69 Brown Street
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Identifying Priorities & Avoiding Pitfalls when Applying for the NIH’s Project Grants
Resources, Tools and Basic Techniques in Biomedical Research
April 2 & 30 and May 7 & 14
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Sidney Frank Hall (185 Meeting Street) and Laboratories for Molecular Medicine (70 Ship Street)
Sponsored by: Initiative to Maximize Student Development
This four-part training module provides an introduction to key methodologies in modern biology and an overview of Brown University’s shared resource facilities. Visit core facilities that provide services in Biobanking, Microscopy, Structural Biology, Genomics, Bioinformatics, Transgenics, Molecular Pathology, Proteomics, Behavioral Phenotyping, XROMM and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). Learn the basics of how the equipment works, how the technology is used in biomedical research, and how the data can be analyzed.

Higher Education Basics: What to know if you are interested in an Academic Career
April 28, 2014
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning and CareerLAB (Center for Life After Brown)
Come to this session, led by Sheridan Center Associate Director Laura Hess, and find out what you need to know about higher education (in America) before going on the academic job market. Learn about different kinds of academic appointments and the variety of institutions of higher education in the U.S. Find out how faculty hires are made. Explore how you can begin preparing even now for the academic job market.
Preparing Now for Next Year's Academic Job Market
May 13, 2014
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning and CareerLAB (Center for Life After Brown)
Applying for academic jobs next year? Then come to this program & learn what you should do this summer to get ready. The program features a presentation on preparing now for next year’s market & a panel of doctoral students/postdocs who have successfully navigated the academic job market in the life & physical sciences.

Cultivating an Online Presence for the Academic Job Market
May 14, 2014
3:00 - 4:00 PM
Sheridan Center, 96 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning and CareerLAB (Center for Life After Brown)
How do you create a professional profile online? How can you use websites and social media to take control of your online image? This session, led by Sheridan Center Associate Director Carie Cardamone, will provide tips and advice about crafting an online profile for the academic job market.

Research Mixer
June 12, 2014
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Kasper Multipurpose Room, Stephen Robert ’62 Center, 75 Waterman Street
Join us for an instructional seminar and chance to practice crafting a quick pitch of your research tailored to different audiences.

Grantsmanship II: The Peer Review Process F-Series Grant
June 25, 2014
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Petteruti Lounge, Stephen Robert ’62 Center, 75 Waterman Street
Sponsored by: Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Identify priorities and avoid pitfalls when applying for federal funding. How do funding agencies evaluate your grant applications? How do reviewers really assess your research? Join us for an insider’s perspective on the review process and learn to tailor your grant proposals to meet agencies’ goals!

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