

Career Orientation: Shaping and Steering your Career Path

The Career Orientation: Shaping and Steering your Career Path workshop is envisioned as a foundation course for junior PhD students as part of a fundamental career development training for structured Graduate Programmes in the life sciences.

Workshop description

The Career Orientation: Shaping and Steering your Career Path workshop is aimed at providing you with (1) professional advice on what your career options are and (2) hands-on mentoring on how to make it on your chosen career path whether in academia or on the wider market or both. Such an approach will allow you to make informed strategic choices on how best to shape and steer your career path.

To this end, we will comprehensive cover the key factors involved in having a successful research career in academia. In addition, you will also receive in-depth career mentoring about the wealth of alternative career paths that are open to you in both the private and public sectors.

Importantly, we will explore and analyse the core competencies that PIs and employers want from a perspective researcher or employee. To already identify core competency gaps, we will analyse your CV and identify problem areas that need to be addressed. Finally, we will make an individual action plan, so that you can begin to better shape and steer your career path during the whole course of your PhD. Such a proactive early-stage approach will enable you to immediately start to gear up to gaining competitive edge – a prerequisite for you to achieve your future career goals.

This workshop will cover:

Making the Right Career Moves

Where am I now?

Where do I want to go?

Making it to the Top of Academia

Aren't top publications enough?

What should I consider when looking for my next PI and lab?

Which action can I be taking now to better position myself for a research career in academia??

Making it on the Wider Market

What are my career options on the wider market?

What core competencies does the wider market require?

Which action can I be taking now to better position myself for the wider market??

Building your CV and Identifying Core Competencies Gaps

Producing an Action Plan to better Achieve your Career Goals

Organizational considerations

Target group

Junior PhD students working in research in the life sciences.

Participant numbers and time frame

The Career Orientation workshop is designed for 10 participants for 1 day.

Pre-workshop preparation

Participants will be sent a copy of BioScript's CV guidelines and should prepare a CV and bring along 2 paper copies to the workshop.

Workshop follow-up

It is strongly recommended that the Career Orientation: Shaping and Steering your Career Path workshop is followed up at the senior PhD stage by either of the following workshops aimed at staying in academia or working on the wider market, respectively.

Getting Funded: Applying for an Individual Fellowship

Career Mentoring and Management: Applying for a Job on the Wider Market

Seminar room requirements

No special equipment is required.