

EXPERT LEADER INNOVATOR COMMUNICATOR MY GRADSKILLS

Professional Development for Grad Students

EXPERT

The primary reason for taking a grad degree: to become an expert in your field.

Key skills:

- Reference management
- Research writing
- Lab management
- Lab safety
- Thesis writing
- Supervisory relationships

INNOVATOR

Discover new ways of doing things and be a change-maker.

Key skills:

- Entrepreneurial thinking
- Problem solving
- Business skills

LEADER

Be confident in your skills and guide and inspire others.

Key skills:

- Personal effectiveness
- Networking
- Career awareness
- Career searching

COMMUNICATOR

Communicating is a key skill in academics and in industry.

Key skills:

- Writing
- Speaking
- Teaching and sharing knowledge

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Other resources: Entrepreneurship & Innovation Option for Non-Haskayne graduate students | Summer Incubator

Plan Your Professional Development

This guide shows the MyGradSkills-endorsed workshops available to you and a suggested timeline for when they may be most useful. Contact My GradSkills to find out who delivers workshops and when they will be offered.

	Early Lay a successful foundation by taking the workshops that apply to you in your first year.	Mid When you are done your courses, successfully completed candidacy, or just find yourself with more time, take some of these workshops.	Late Preparing to graduate and find your career must happen at least a year or two before you plan to finish your degree.
Expert The primary reason for taking a grad degree: to become an expert in your field. These optional workshops help you develop essential skills to achieve academic success. Key skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference management • Research writing • Lab management • Lab safety • Thesis writing • Supervisory relationships 	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Building a Successful Supervisory Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Biosafety (Program / Biohazard Handling / Bloodborne Pathogens) <input type="checkbox"/> Managing your references with EndNote OR Mendeley <input type="checkbox"/> Copyright and Open Access <input type="checkbox"/> Writing at the Graduate Level Series <input type="checkbox"/> Effective Research for your Literature Review <input type="checkbox"/> Research Data Management <input type="checkbox"/> Staying Motivated and Managing Your Time <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching with Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Learning Outcomes <input type="checkbox"/> Where does my course fit? Understanding Curriculum <input type="checkbox"/> Grading Strategies to Assess Student Learning	<input type="checkbox"/> Copyright: What you need to know for your thesis and teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Beyond Conflict in a Supervisory Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Keeping Current with Your Research: Using alerting services <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting Systematic Reviews <input type="checkbox"/> Searching MEDLINE Systematically 	<input type="checkbox"/> Preparing to Defend Your Thesis: Managing Your Anxiety 
Communicator Communicating is a key skill, in academics and industry. These optional workshops help you learn how to communicate more clearly, both during your degree and when you're working. Key skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing • Speaking • Listening • Presenting • Teaching and sharing knowledge 	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective Presentation Skills - Vocal Presence <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Assistant Orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Effective Communication for International Teaching Assistants <input type="checkbox"/> Using Learning Spaces for Collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Formative Feedback for Teaching Development <input type="checkbox"/> Creating Your Teaching Dossier <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitating Active Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Skills of Communication 	<input type="checkbox"/> Managing Presentation Anxiety <input type="checkbox"/> Visualization - Using Tableau <input type="checkbox"/> Visualization - Using Visual Variables <input type="checkbox"/> Visualization - Tableau Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> All You Need to Know About the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) <input type="checkbox"/> Translating Your CV into a Resume <input type="checkbox"/> 3MT: Research Communication Skills <input type="checkbox"/> 3MT: Framing Your Presentation - How to Create a Memorable 3MT Slide 	<input type="checkbox"/> Resumes and Cover Letters for Non-Academic Careers <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media: Tips and Strategies to Give You the Cutting Edge <input type="checkbox"/> The Academic Track: Job Search and Professional Documents
Leader Be confident in your skills, and guide and inspire others. These optional workshops help you become the kind of person people want to work with. Key skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transferable skills • Collaborating • Networking • Career awareness • Career searching • Personal management 	<input type="checkbox"/> Your "Top 5" Talent Themes: A Roadmap to Personal Success <input type="checkbox"/> Time Management <input type="checkbox"/> Project Management 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Taking the Wheel: Making the Most of Graduate Career Development <input type="checkbox"/> What Makes a Great TA? <input type="checkbox"/> Strength Stories: How to Explore, Maximize and Communicate Your Top 5 Strengths <input type="checkbox"/> Building Career Resilience in a Constantly Evolving World <input type="checkbox"/> Researching and Refining Your Career Options <input type="checkbox"/> Experiential Learning: Strategies to Find and Gain Experience in Your Desired Field	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessing Your Transferable Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Unwritten Rules: Understanding Business Culture and Career Transitions <input type="checkbox"/> The World Outside of Graduate School: Job Search Strategies for Non-Academic Careers <input type="checkbox"/> Finding Key Decision-Makers For Internships, Mentorships, and Information Interviews <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Steps to Marketing Yourself to Potential Employers <input type="checkbox"/> Networking Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Project Management 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Building Your Interview Portfolio 	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Interviewing: A Strategic Tool for Job Searching <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiating Your Dream Job <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Strategies for Academic Careers <input type="checkbox"/> Interview 101: Strategies and Best Practices for Hiring Situations <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Networking Skills for Graduate Students
Innovator Discover new ways of doing things and be a change-maker. These optional workshops help you learn how to take your research and make an impact on the world. Key skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurial thinking • Problem solving • Business skills 	<input type="checkbox"/> Understanding My Intellectual Property Rights <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) for Graduate Students 	<input type="checkbox"/> Discovering the Entrepreneur Within <input type="checkbox"/> Owning Your Research Output 	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Foundations Program for Graduate Students