

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS



Certificate Programs are a great addition to any CV or resumé and are open to all graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. Each focuses on a specialized topic and aims to enhance personal, professional, and academic development. Participants enroll in 4-8 weeks of concentrated subject material led by faculty and industry experts.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: ACTIVATE TO CAPTIVATE

Wednesdays, April 11 to May 30,
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Public Speaking: Activate to Captivate is an eight-week communication certificate program for postdocs and graduate students. Participants will learn and practice strategies to craft a dynamic and compelling presentation, including:

- Overcoming anxiety
- Commanding a room
- Communicating effectively with an audience of any size

NEW IMPROV FOR TEACHING

Wednesdays, April 25 to May 16,
5:00 – 7:00 PM

Facilitated by Activate to Captivate's Bri McWhorter, this new four-session communication program, Improv for Teaching, is for postdocs and graduate students. This highly interactive program will help participants learn to:

- Think on their feet
- Engage in active listening techniques
- Create a collaborative learning environment
- Expand their imagination to lead a dynamic classroom

MENTORING EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Tuesdays, April 17 to May 22, 2:00 – 4:00PM
Thursdays, April 19 to May 24, 10:00 AM
– 12:00 PM

Effective mentoring is a crucial part of the academic experience. This six-session program focuses on skills and resources related to mentorship. The Mentoring Excellence Program (MEP) is intended for those who are:

- Curious about becoming a mentor
- Current mentors who want to expand their skills
- Interested in having a stronger relationship with their own mentor
- Thinking about becoming a mentor in any Graduate Division program

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ADVANCED TRAINING BOOT CAMPS



Take advantage of the boot camp offerings throughout Spring Quarter and expand your skill set and network! Advanced training boot camps help you dive deeper into your skill set. Learn more or refresh a skill. Open to all graduate students and postdoctoral scholars, but space is limited so book early!

DISSERTATION BOOT CAMP (DBC)

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 – SATURDAY, 28, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The Dissertation Boot Camp (DBC) is an intensive 3-day writing opportunity for graduate students writing in the dissertation phase of their program. The DBC helps writers overcome blocks, make significant progress in a short period of time, and develop skills for future academic writing. Space is limited and fills early. Reserve your spot today, and get that dissertation done!

SPECIAL EVENT – SPRING UP

FRIDAY, MAY 11 FROM 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Spring is in the air! Touching on every aspect of your experience: health, professional development, and balance, this day is about total wellness — with a full day of activities in the GRC that will renew your energy. Drop in or attend a scheduled session. There is something for everyone and no shortage of skill-building, giveaways, and fun! If you missed the Winter Recharge, now is your chance to perk up, pep up, and Spring UP!

START SMART: SALARY NEGOTIATION TRAINING

FRIDAY, JUNE 1 FROM 2:00 – 5:00 PM

CO-SPONSORS: AAUW AND THE WAGE PROJECT

Start Smart is an interactive workshop designed to give you the confidence and skills needed to earn fair compensation. This workshop provides benchmarks for salary and benefits, offers salary negotiation skill-building exercises, and teaches participants how to develop a personal budget to determine salary needs. *We strongly suggest this workshop to ANY graduate student or postdoc entering the job market within the coming year.*

NEW – SOCIAL MEDIA SERIES

THURSDAYS, MAY 3, 10 AND 17 FROM 3:00 – 4:30 PM

This new specialized series will cover different aspects of using social media for professional and career development. Topics will be tailored to both social media novices and avid users.

Come to one session or come to them all! More details to come.

MINI DISSERTATION BOOT CAMP

FRIDAY, MAY 18 FROM 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

This boot camp provides dedicated times to write in a distraction-free environment and promotes the development of healthy writing habits. Participants set goals for the session and are often surprised by how much they can accomplish. **(Insider Tip: Can't make the Dissertation Boot Camp? Book your spot in this session to get a mini-dose!)**

INTERVIEW SKILLS BOOT CAMP

FRIDAY, JUNE 8 FROM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

This one-day boot camp provides the tools for participants to enter any interview situation with confidence, including how to:

- Adapt to changing circumstances and handle surprises with confidence
- Practice effective small talk
- Interview in any setting including with an individual, a panel, during a meal, and on Skype

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTING

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISING

Identify strengths, skills, and competencies you wish to develop in preparation for your career search. Receive guidance on current professional development opportunities on campus. Develop your personal brand and design action plans for networking in person and online. Appointments are available on a weekly basis, Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

CAREER ADVISING DROP-INS

Discuss job search strategies, preparing for interviews, and CV or resume review. Meetings are on a first-come, first-serve basis on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. No appointment required.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANTS

Get personal assistance with strategies to help you deliver more impactful talks about your research, prepare for interviews, or reduce anxiety when speaking. Appointments are 30 minutes and are available daily.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION ADVISING

Make an appointment with Dr. Sandra Loughlin to discuss your fellowship application questions and receive feedback.

WRITING CONSULTANTS

Writing consultant appointments are for all disciplines, and can review: academic writing, funding and job application materials.

CAREER WORKSHOPS

In partnership with Neda Moayedi, Graduate Career Counselor at the Division of Career Pathways, the GRC provides additional career resources from one-on-one advising to specialized workshops.

CREATING A CAREER ROADMAP | THURSDAY, APRIL 12 FROM 1:30 – 3:00 PM

You can't reach your career goals if you don't have a clear plan. The best career plan is one that provides options and gives you time to explore those options. Here, you'll learn to create a road-map in order to effectively plan for your future career.

JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES | THURSDAY, APRIL 19 FROM 12:30 – 2:00 PM

Learn to research and understand the job market. Discover how to narrow your search, locate jobs, and market yourself to business and industry.

RESUME WRITING | TUESDAY, MAY 1 FROM 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Take your resume to the next level. Learn how to tailor your content to the job description so employers see how your skills and experiences suit their needs. Plus, we'll discuss the purpose, format, and content of a targeted cover letter.

ARE YOU LINKEDIN? | THURSDAY, MAY 10 FROM 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Learn how to effectively use LinkedIn to build your online profile and network. Part of the challenge of networking is finding the right people and making connections with people in your target field. LinkedIn is a valuable resource you can use to research industries, meet recruiters, find other academics and get connected.

INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES & PRACTICE | TUESDAY, MAY 15 FROM 12:00 – 1:30 PM

The key to interview success is preparation and practice. It's not necessarily the most qualified who gets the job, but the person who knows how to make a great impression. Discover the techniques to rise above the competition and lower interview anxiety by preparing well with some practice!

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INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR FELLOWSHIPS?



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VISIT THE GRC WEBSITE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT AT WWW.GRAD.UCI.EDU/SERVICES/GRC

NIH K AWARD PROCESS

Thursday, April 5

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Student Center, Emerald Bay C

Obtaining an NIH K award is a professional boost for early career researchers. Learn about the K awards and how best to apply from the perspective of an NIH grant reviewer.

Featuring: Vice Provost & Graduate Division Dean Frances Leslie

NIH K99/R00 WORKSHOP WITH FACULTY AND POSTDOC PANEL

Thursday, April 12

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Natural Science II, Room 1201

The K99/R00 award is a significant plus on your CV, including funding for your postdoctoral and early faculty research. This workshop provides a venue to discuss the application with recent awardees.

STRATEGIES TO OBTAIN EARLY CAREER RESEARCH FUNDING

Thursday, May 17

12:15 – 1:30 PM

Graduate Resource Center

This workshop presents strategies to develop a competitive proposal, navigate the funding landscape, identify potential funding sources and take advantage of campus resources.

Featuring: Melinda Gormley, PhD- Research Development Officer, Ayala School of Biological Sciences

INTRODUCING THE FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, May 31

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Graduate Resource Center

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed student and research projects or English Teaching Assistantships. Informational workshop to learn more about how Fulbright fellowships cover expenses for a year of research or teaching in a foreign country.

Featuring: Professor James Steintrager, English

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FROM ADDICTION RESEARCH TO FEDERAL SERVICE: *MY ROAD TO PUBLIC HEALTH AT FDA*

FEATURING Menglu Yuan, UCI Ph.D. 2015
Public Health Analyst at FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Menglu will discuss her pathway to employment in the Federal government, including what training she gained at UCI. This talk will also reveal the kind of work that gets done at the US Food and Drug Administration, how Menglu ended up covering opioid policy for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, and the FDA's efforts in addressing the opioid crisis.

Menglu Yuan, a UCI Ph.D. graduate from the Department of Pharmacology, is thriving in her career as a Public Health Analyst at the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). Menglu entered federal service through the Presidential Management Fellows Program, which trains advanced degree candidates to become future government leaders. As a public health analyst in CDER, Menglu is at the forefront of health policy, helping to shape the FDA's response to the current opioid crisis.



WHEN: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 FROM 1PM-2PM

**LOCATION:
GRADUATE RESOURCE CENTER (GRC)
3100 GATEWAY STUDY CENTER**

The **Foundations of Leadership** distinguished speaker series connects graduate students and postdoctoral scholars with a range of leaders from corporations, nonprofits, government, and higher education. These leaders demonstrate the importance of expanded skill development and career planning to compete in the changing job market.

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