

CareerXplore Group Badge

Student/Scholar Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and Tasks

Group/Badge Description:

CareerXplore groups are designed for graduate students and postdocs either beginning the process of exploring career options in science or those wanting a refresher of the essentials of career exploration. Participants will be part of a mostly online group that will read, watch, discuss, and explore materials about career options in the sciences.

Most group interactions will be online and asynchronously (at your own pace, on your own time). There will be three real-time meetings either in person or via Zoom. Most interaction will take place in a Canvas site where you will have access to readings and articles, websites, videos (produced both by national leaders and IUSM career specialists), and other resources. You will have an opportunity to interact with each other through chats and discussion forums and complete tasks ("deliverables") via Canvas.

Student/Scholar Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this learning community, students/postdocs will be able to:

1. Compare career path options within and between job sectors (academia, industry, etc)
2. Create a plan for individual professional development towards at least one career path option based on a knowledge of one's own skills, interests, and values
3. Investigate the experiences of individuals who currently hold jobs/positions through applying an informational interview protocol
4. Network with academics/professionals based on strategies presented
5. Create a CV or resume based on current experiences that match the expectations of a potential career path

Required tasks for this microcredential will be:

- Attend and participate in three live sessions (in-person or via Zoom) throughout the length of the group
- Plan, conduct, and report on two informational interviews with PhD level scientists who currently are in a job/career path that matches the student's/postdoc's career interests
- Create and receive facilitator feedback on an individual development plan
- Create and received feedback on either a resume or CV for a PhD level position
- Complete all eight modules in the group Canvas site, which include either discussion forums on biweekly topic or learning activities applying skills learned in the group