Part of The Graduate School's mission is to ensure that our graduate students have the skills they need to succeed professionally as well as academically. With that in mind, our office and our campus partners provide a full range of professional development opportunities and resources for graduate students. You'll see them highlighted here each week. Get involved and grow!

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Science & Technology Fair | School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Friday, October 13
10 am - 3 pm | Dillon Gym

The annual Science and Technology Job Fair will feature representatives from nearly 100 companies, including Microsoft, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, and Schlumberger. They will be available to discuss full-time positions and summer internships with students who are majoring in science, engineering, and math, plus those from a wider array of academic fields who have quantitative and analytical skills. This event, sponsored by the School of Engineering and Applied Science, will begin at 10 a.m. and continue through 3 p.m. in Dillon Gym.
Versatile Ph.D. Online Discussion with Peter Fiske ’88

Wednesday, October 11 - Friday, October 13

Join Dr. Fiske for a free three-day AMA (Ask Me Anything) on the Versatile PhD site. Ask him about founding a company, joining a startup, commercializing a technology, or finding the right place for your skills outside the academy. All disciplines will benefit from Dr. Fiske’s insights - humanists and social scientists, there are roles for you in tech as well, so plan on following along.

• Free discussion, open to all (tell friends!)
• Get advice from an experienced tech entrepreneur
• Takes place in dedicated AMA forum on VPhD site
• Asynchronous - participate anytime during the 3 days

Link to set up an account and log in to the discussion boards can be found Here.

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**The McGraw Center for Teaching & Learning**

**Graduate Pedagogy Workshops/Information Sessions**

**Tuesday, October 17**

The Institutional As Usual | Diversity Work as Data Collection w/Speaker Sara Ahmed
3:30–6:00pm, McCormick 101

In this talk, co-sponsored with the Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Sara Ahmed will bring together data from her study of diversity work in universities, first presented in *On Being Included* (2012) and developed in *Living the Feminist Life* (2017), putting it in conversation with her current research into “the uses of use” and complaint.

**Wednesday, October 18**

Prison Teaching Initiative | Information Session
4:30-5:30pm, 330 Frist Campus Center

The [Prison Teaching Initiative](#) at Princeton University is hosting an information sessions for prospective instructors; we will provide an overview of how prison teaching works and answer your questions. You’ll also have the opportunity to complete background check paperwork for the NJ Department of Corrections and/or Fort Dix if you decide one or both of those opportunities is right for you.

**Thursday, October 19**

Preparing to Write a Meaningful Statement of Teaching Philosophy
3:30-5:00pm, 330 Frist Campus Center

Teaching statements have become important in academic job searches as more and more colleges and universities are requesting them from applicants for faculty positions. This workshop will introduce participants to the concept of the teaching statement and present recent research on how search committees interpret them. We will also discuss how writing a statement can serve as a valuable means of enhancing one’s own teaching strategies. This workshop will provide a context for participants to start writing their own statements by drafting key elements of them that draw on their teaching experiences and their goals for their students.

Seating is limited; please [RSVP](#) by October 18 to reserve a space.
Jean-luc Doumont | Making the Most of Your Presentation

Monday, October 16
12:30-2:30pm, Bowen Hall Auditorium

Join us for Dr. Doumont’s most successful lecture year after year in top-notch universities and research centers worldwide. Strong presentation skills are a key to success for engineers, scientists, and others, yet many speakers are at a loss to tackle the task. Systematic as they otherwise can be in their work, they go at it intuitively or haphazardly, with much good will but seldom good results. In this talk, Dr. Doumont proposes a systematic way to prepare and deliver an oral presentation: he covers structure, slides, and delivery, as well as stage fright. An engineer (Louvain) and Ph.D. in applied physics (Stanford), Jean-luc is acclaimed worldwide for his no-nonsense approach, his highly applicable, often life-changing recommendations on a wide range of topics, and Trees, maps, and theorems, his book about “effective communication for rational minds”. Please RSVP by October 12 to amamenis@princeton.edu

Carpe Careers | 5 Quick Tips For Finding a Nonacademic Job

Various career paths will require more specific skills and job search techniques, but Jessica A. Hutchins provides some brief general guidelines. Jessica directs career development programs for Ph.D. students and postdocs at the School of Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis. She is also a member of the Graduate Career Consortium -- an organization providing a national voice for graduate-level career and professional development leaders.

Read More Here
Mercer County Community College | Princeton Teaching Partnership Program

Apply by Wednesday, November 1

This program provides Princeton University graduate students the opportunity to teach courses at Mercer County Community College while being mentored by an experienced tenured faculty member at the college. Princeton graduate students will develop as teachers, designing and delivering their own courses in their academic fields while learning about teaching at a community college.

To apply, please submit a teaching-focused cover letter and CV through SAFE along with a statement from their adviser that indicates they have permission to apply (this may be sent via email to Amy Pszczolkowski, Assistant Dean for Professional Development, Office of the Dean of the Graduate School. Read more Here.

Princeton University Press Reception and Seminar | Coming in November

Thursday, November 16
PUP Reception
4:30 pm, PU Press
41 William Street (Press Building Lobby)

Would you like to learn more about Princeton University Press and academic book publishing? Join us for a casual reception in the lobby of the Press's building here on campus and get the chance to meet and chat with members of the press’s editorial team and staff to learn more about the work they do and the PUP publishing program. Wine and light appetizers will be served. Space is limited to those who RSVP.

Friday, November 17
Seminar with PU Press Editors
Noon- 1:30 pm, PU Press
41 William Street (Press Building Lobby)

Join us for a publishing seminar with editors from Princeton University Press's humanities, social science, and science publishing programs for an in-depth overview of the book publishing process from how to write a proposal, to choosing a publisher, to what to expect in the process, as well as starting a career at an academic press. Join editors by disciplines for a round table lunch discussion. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited, you must RSVP.
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