

Spring 2022 URI Graduate School Professional Development & Graduate Writing Center Program Schedule

January

- **Time and Stress Management Strategies**

Wed., Jan. 26

12-1 pm via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/rerlcg

Have you ever wished there were extra hours in the day? In this workshop, we will introduce time management strategies and help you identify strategies that might work for you so you will be better prepared to make each day a productive one. We will also discuss and practice some stress management strategies.

- **Writing with Confidence**

Fri., Jan. 28

10-11 am via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/e6lhpf

This workshop, hosted by URI's Graduate Writing Center, will focus on building confidence in one's writing. Almost all graduate students experience feelings of anxiety and frustration when it comes to writing. How can you distinguish your words and ideas from previously published scholars? How can you develop confidence in your own insights and perspectives, and express those ideas in writing? GWC Tutor and English PhD candidate Billy Bowden will lead this workshop on overcoming writing anxiety and developing confidence in your writing process.

February

- **CV/Resume Seminar**

Wed., Feb. 2

4-5 pm via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/oddbky

Learn strategies for drafting a persuasive and effective document that will impress employers and get through Applicant Tracking Software.

- **Teaching Statement Workshop**

Thurs., Feb. 3

4-5 pm via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/epzpfu

What is a teaching statement? How do you write one? If you're applying for a position that asks for a teaching philosophy statement, or even just updating your own teaching portfolio, then this workshop can help you! In this 1-hour workshop, Graduate Writing Center Consultant AnnMarie DeMichiel will share the basics of teaching philosophy statements and will distinguish these from related documents that you might also need to write (for example, statements of teaching effectiveness). Together we will look at examples of different teaching philosophy statements, discuss common mistakes writers make, and ask you to consider your own philosophy of teaching and pedagogical practices.

- **Creating Impact & Effectiveness in Your Job Search Using Career & Personality Assessment Tools**

Fri., Feb. 11

10-11 am via Zoom

Register rb.gy/jlcjiy

Understanding your personality type and how you interact with others is an important professional skill. In this workshop, we'll review your Myers-Briggs Type Inventory (MBTI) personality test result that you'll complete pre-workshop and discuss ways personality type affects your interactions with others, and how to leverage these in your search and career.

- **Grammar & Style: Addressing the Challenges of Academic English**

Thurs., Feb. 17

12-1 pm via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/bfocxg

Join the Graduate Writing Center for a virtual English grammar session. We will review several writing examples together and practice identifying and revising problem sentences. All grad students welcome!

- **Should I Apply? 10 Tips for Decoding Job Postings**

Fri., Feb. 18

10-10:50 am via Webex

Register: rb.gy/zrfys3

Quiet your inner critic and take time to adequately understand and evaluate job postings. Join this session to gain tips for discerning key themes and priorities within job postings, and to participate in a group decoding activity. Move from thinking of applying to ACTUALLY submitting an application. Joint program with UCONN Graduate School.

- **Dealing with Rejection**

Tues., Feb. 22

10-11 am via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/1cdv8e

Rejection is an inevitable part of the academic process. It also shows you're increasing your research output and developing resiliency. In this virtual workshop, we will discuss ways to consciously overcome rejection and fear of resubmitting work for conferences, journals, etc. Bring your best rejection story! We will discuss tools to analyze what went wrong and how to persevere with future resubmissions. Rachel Afua Ansong, Academic Support Peer Specialist, will lead this session.

- **Salary Negotiation Seminar**

Wed., Feb. 23

12-1:30 pm via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/oua6pu

Learn important principles of salary negotiation, how you can create a strategy to maximize your earning potential, and the keys to gaining confidence in your negotiation style. CCEE and URI Graduate School professional staff and corporate recruiters will share their knowledge about effective negotiation practices and answer your questions. The session will provide specific information about STEM fields, but all disciplines are welcome to attend.

- **Industry Job Search for PhDs**

Thurs., Feb. 24

12-1 pm via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/8yiwcs

Attend this session to gain tips and strategies on preparing for your job search in industry.

- **Citation Tools Workshop: Zotero & Mendeley**

Fri., Feb. 25

10-11 am via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/guoxlb

Need help managing your citations? Join Diana Fontaine, Graduate Writing Center Consultant and GSO PhD student, for a workshop and learn how to manage your research and citations with free citation management software. Zotero and Mendeley both allow you to download citations and articles from various websites and databases, electronically store and organize the citations, annotate, and highlight articles, and format the citations for your paper and bibliography.

March

- **Inclusive Course Design**

Wed., March 2

9-11 am via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/eznwr3

Are you interested in teaching your own courses as a Teaching Assistant, or as a faculty member? Attend this seminar with Dr. Annemarie Vaccaro, Associate Dean, URI School of Education and Professional Studies, and learn the basic tenets of inclusive course design and how to recognize and combat exclusion in course design. You will brainstorm for points of inclusion and equitable course resources. (This is supplemental TA Training, but all are welcome to attend.)

- **Interviewing Tips & Strategies for Grad Students**

Thurs., March 3

12-1 pm via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/1uzbzt

Learn strategies to effectively and confidently communicate your experience and education via Zoom, in person, and in recorded interviews!

- **Where to Connect and What to Say: Strategies for Networking as a Grad Student**

Fri., March 11

10-11 am via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/skxgnb

Networking is a vital skill and activity to advance yourself academically and professionally. Whether you are seeking a position in academia, industry, government, or non-profit, this session will provide specific advice about where to connect and what you might say to create and build mutually beneficial relationships. Networking can not only accelerate your job search, it can also help you build relationships with academic and industry professionals, gain new perspectives on institutions, careers, and industries, and develop valuable interpersonal skills.

- **Seminar on Effective Teaching**

Wed., March 23

3:30-5:30 pm

Location: 250 Pastore Hall (Graduate Writing Center)

Register: rb.gy/bakqpy

Graduate School Dean and Professor of Chemistry Brenton DeBoef will lead a seminar on effective teaching. Graduate students who are TAs or are pursuing tenure track positions will benefit from hearing Dr. DeBoef, URI 2019 Teaching Excellence Award Winner, speak on strategies and practices for creating a positive learning environment for students. Snacks and drinks provided.

- **Writing Outlines to Improve (and Accelerate) Your Writing Project**

Mon., March 28

10-11 am via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/ntslu4

Writing an outline is an essential planning step for any writing project. Outlines help organize your ideas, connect relationships between concepts, and offer a way to check yourself throughout the writing process. In this workshop, we'll show you different options for preparing outlines from traditional bulleted lists to graphic organizers and reverse outlines.

- **Tips to Prepare for Your Academic Job Search**

Tues., March 29

Time TBD

Perhaps your academic job search is already underway, or maybe you are just getting organized to undertake this journey. Join this session to gain tips to prepare yourself, your materials, and those whom you will rely upon as you engage in your search for faculty positions.

- **Getting a College or University Faculty Position**

Tues., March 29

Time TBD

- **Strengths Inventory Assessment: Learn Your Top 5 Strengths**

Thurs., March 31

1-2 pm via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/esdfbc

Clifton Strengths/Gallup Inventory is a popular personality assessment test. It identifies your top 5 strengths, which you can leverage in an interview, cover letter, or CV/resume. If you are able to attend this session, the Graduate School will pay for your test and Brandon Sousa, Trained Assessment Specialist, will process your results.

April

- **Basic LinkedIn Tips**

Wed., April 6

12-1 pm via Zoom

Register: rb.gy/yclfma

756+ million users worldwide, and 15 million+ open job postings. LinkedIn is a powerful tool in developing your career! This webinar will focus on maximizing your profile, effectively connecting, and job search. Session led by Grad School Office of Professional Development and the Center for Career and Experiential Education.

- **Grammar & Style: Addressing the Challenges of Academic English**

Fri., April 8

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Register: rb.gy/ipjaf3

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- **Interested in a Fulbright Fellowship? Or a language fellowship abroad? Info Session for Grad Students Who Want to Research, Study or Teach Abroad**

Wed., April 13

1-2:30 pm

Register: rb.gy/phfehpb

Current graduate students are invited to learn about this fully funded opportunity to spend 9-12 months abroad pursuing advanced graduate studies, teaching, or conducting research in another country. URI students regularly receive and become finalists for Fulbright Fellowships. The Fulbright US Student Program is only open to US citizens. Applicants who currently hold or will hold a doctoral degree by the national application deadline (October 2022) are ineligible. Presented by: Kathleen Maher, Director, Office of National Fellowships & Academic Opportunities.