



## Division of Graduate Medical Sciences

### Office of Professional Development and Postdoctoral Affairs

The OPDPA speaker series aim to provide the postdocs and Ph.D. students with information and resources and to exchange of ideas and the intellectual enrichment of the trainees' community.

**Title:**                   **What to Expect..... When You Start Graduate School**

**Speaker:**               Heather S. Duffy, Ph.D.

**Date:**                    Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Time:**                   12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:**             Room L-214, 72 East Concord St., BU School of Medicine

**Registration**           Required Email: [Yolanta@bu.edu](mailto:Yolanta@bu.edu), lunch will be provided

**Brief Description:** As a new graduate student things can look pretty overwhelming! Everyone else seems so busy and sure of themselves. You know you have a lot to do but how do you get started? This presentation lets you know what to expect during the first months to a year of graduate school and then how your graduate school career is likely to change in the coming years. We will start by talking about the balance between coursework and your new laboratory requirements and then begin to discuss identifying your future lab, setting up committees and picking the best group of mentors for you. In addition tips for insuring that you have successful laboratory experiences whether you rotate in several labs or just stay in one. Finally this seminar will give you the Professor's view of what a successful graduate student looks like to us and how we know who will succeed and who is less likely to move on in science. The types of questions answered will include everything from "What if I hate my lab choice" to "How do I deal with different lab personalities" to insure success in your graduate career.

#### Learning Objectives

- Setting a graduate school career plan
- Identifying the right mentoring style for you
- How to pick committee members that will help you the most
- What Professor's look for in a graduate student



**Bio:** Heather Duffy, PhD is an internationally known cardiovascular researcher who began to develop trainee career development workshops as a way to enhance her student's career trajectories. The workshops were so successful, with her students winning top prizes in academic competitions, that she expanded the series to other groups. To date these workshops have been presented locally, nationally and even at international conferences. Dr. Duffy got her PhD in neuroscience from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, NY. She went on to her first independent faculty position at Columbia University College of Surgeons and Physicians where she worked on cardiac arrhythmias. After being recruited to Harvard Medical School Dr. Duffy became involved in the Harvard Leadership Program and was active in the development of workshops and curricula designed to maximize student and postdoctoral potential in the Cardiovascular Department. This work expanded over time has become a primary focus for Dr. Duffy. Dr. Duffy is the author of over 50 publications and is a renowned speaker both nationally and internationally with dozens of talks under her belt.



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