Programming + Resource Overview

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PDPA Overview

- **Programming**: Create programs and opportunities for doctoral students to build skills and gain access to resources at BU and beyond
- **Advising**: Work with PhD students one-on-one by appointment and in monthly *office hours*
- **Communication**: Make policies, programs, and resources transparent and visible through regular multimedia communications
- **Policy**: Advance the training environment at Boston University
The PhD Core Capacities are a set of seven skills designed to help doctoral students build upon the learning outcomes that exist within programs:

- Career Development
- Management & Leadership
- Self Awareness
- Communication Skills
- Teaching Skills
- Discipline-Specific Knowledge
- Research Skills
Monthly Drop-In Office Hours to discuss career planning, job documents, mentoring, or anything PhD

Moderated Discussions are an event series that establishes a regular, in-person / synchronous communication and dialogue between doctoral students and University administrators.

RCR Courses (required for certain training grants)

September
What Is an Individual Development Plan?
Writing Your Individual Development Plan
Career Panel: Humanists in Higher Education Administration

October
Time Management
Project Management I: Planning Projects
Project Management II: Tools and Strategies
Building Resilience
Building a Broader Audience for your Research

November
Making the Most of Your LinkedIn
Wix: How to Create a Personal Portfolio
Success with Social Media: Your Platform
PhD Progression

● Platform designed to help doctoral students build skills throughout their training
● A framework for to articulate the skills and knowledge gained through PhD education to professional audiences
● Curriculum of professional development learning pathways created for each skill
● Communications system for capacities and related programming

Sign up for PhD Progression: https://bit.ly/3k6vLqP
Vitamin PhD Podcast

**Episode Types**
- Career Pathways
- Navigating Challenges
- PhD Student Roundtables

**Seasons (5+)**
- Each aligned with a different Core Capacity.
- *Season 5: Communications out now!*

**Capsule Seasons (6 episodes)**
- Student Hosting Teams
- Project management, collaboration, and public speaking skill development
- Paid $500
Welcome to the Doctoral Digest, BU’s one-stop shop for professional development, including support and guidance related to COVID-19. We remain committed to supporting our PhD community and to providing essential resources for their continued development through the pandemic.

For other professional development opportunities and resources, be sure to check out our Graduate Education website.

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