Individual Development Plan





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What is the MY IDP?

- MY IDP is a structured planning tool designed for Ph.D's to:
 - Identify long term career goals that fit with their unique skills, interests, and values
 - Make plan for improving their skills
 - Set goals for the coming year to improve efficiency and productivity
 - Structure productive conversations with their mentor(s) about career plans and development

Components of the My IDP



1. Self-assessment Consider your skills, values, and interests.

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Your own IDP

4. Implement plan Recruit mentors to help with various parts of your plan.

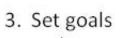








2. Career exploration Learn about career options for PhD-level scientists, and compare your skills, interests, and values to each option.



Make a concrete plan for how you will improve your skills, build your network, and get the experience you need to prepare for your future career.

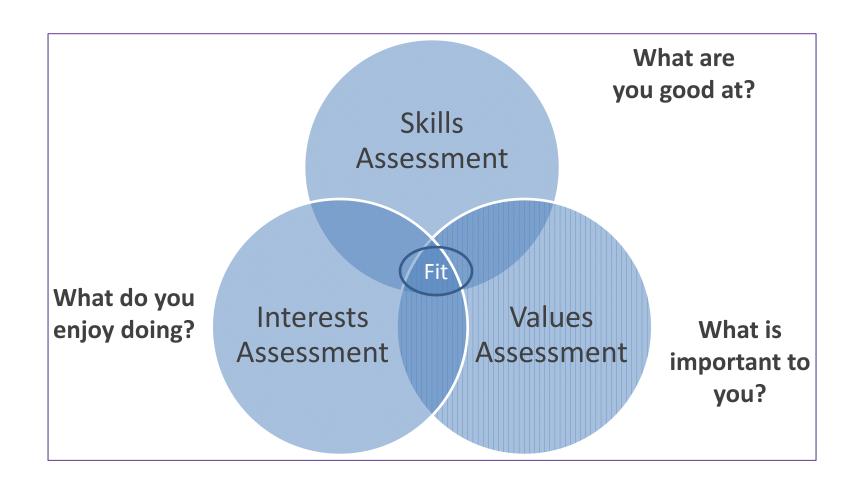
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IDP



IDP Components



Skills Assessment

- Scientific Knowledge
- Research Skills
- Professionalism
- Communication
- Management and Leadership Skills
- Responsible conduct of Research
- Career Planning

Skills Assessment

Scientific Knowledge

1 = Highly deficient | 5 = Highly proficient

\bigcirc_1 \bigcirc_2 \bigcirc_3 \bigcirc_4 \bigcirc_5	Broad based knowledge of science
\bigcirc_1 \bigcirc_2 \bigcirc_3 \bigcirc_4 \bigcirc_5	Deep knowledge of my specific research area
$\bigcirc_1 \bigcirc_2 \bigcirc_3 \bigcirc_4 \bigcirc_5$	Critical evaluation of scientific literature

Research Skills

 $1 = Highly deficient \mid 5 = Highly proficient$

\bigcirc_1 \bigcirc_2 \bigcirc_3 \bigcirc_4 \bigcirc_5	Technical skills related to my specific research area
01 02 03 04 05	Experimental design
\bigcirc_1 \bigcirc_2 \bigcirc_3 \bigcirc_4 \bigcirc_5	Statistical analysis
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Interpretation of data
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Creativity/innovative thinking
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Navigating the peer review process

Professionalism

 $1 = Highly \ deficient \mid 5 = Highly \ proficient$

\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Demonstrating workplace etiquette
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Complying with rules and regulations
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Upholding commitments and meeting deadlines
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Maintaining positive relationships with colleagues
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Contributing to discipline (e.g. member of professional society)
01 02 03 04 05	Contributing to institution (e.g. participate on committees)

Skills Assessment

Responsible Conduct of Research

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\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Careful recordkeeping practices
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Understanding of data ownership/sharing issues
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Demonstrating responsible authorship and publication practices
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Demonstrating responsible conduct in human research
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Demonstrating responsible conduct in animal research
01 02 03 04 05	Can identify and address research misconduct
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	Can identify and manage conflict of interest

Career Planning

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$\bigcirc_1 \bigcirc_2 \bigcirc_3 \bigcirc_4 \bigcirc_5$	How to maintain a professional network
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	How to identify career options
\bigcirc 1 \bigcirc 2 \bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4 \bigcirc 5	How to prepare application materials
$\bigcirc_1 \bigcirc_2 \bigcirc_3 \bigcirc_4 \bigcirc_5$	How to interview
\bigcirc_1 \bigcirc_2 \bigcirc_3 \bigcirc_4 \bigcirc_5	How to negotiate

Communication

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0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O ₅	Basic writing and editing
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Writing scientific publications
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	O 4	O ₅	Writing grant proposals
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Writing for nonscientists
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	O 4	O ₅	Speaking clearly and effectively
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Presenting research to scientists
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O ₅	Presenting to nonscientists
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Teaching in a classroom setting
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O ₅	Training and mentoring individuals
\bigcirc 1	\bigcirc 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Seeking advice from advisors and mentors
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	O 4	O ₅	Negotiating difficult conversations

Management and Leadership Skills

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0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O ₅	Providing instruction and guidance
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Providing constructive feedback
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Dealing with conflict
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Planning and organizing projects
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O ₅	Time management
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Developing/managing budgets
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Managing data and resources
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Delegating responsibilities
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Leading and motivating others
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O 5	Creating vision and goals
0 1	O 2	\circ_3	\circ_4	O ₅	Serving as a role model

Interests Assessment

1 = I would like to never do this in my career | 5 = I would like to do this often in my career

Designing experiments
Performing experiments
Analyzing experimental results
Planning new scientific projects or developing new research directions
Writing grant proposals

Writing scientific manuscripts
Writing project reports or other business-related correspondence
Writing position papers or policy papers
Creating presentations
Representing data in figures/illustrations

	Work-related travel		
	Organizing things, creating systems in the workplace		
	Planning or organizing events		
	Leading or supervising others		
	Analyzing financial data or budgets		
Assessing business trends and strategies, entrepreneurial Serving on committees			
	Networking with others		

Giving presentations about science

Reading papers in your field

Learning about other fields

Thinking about science

Keeping up with current events in science

Values Assessment

Help Society: contribute to betterment of world

Help Others: be involved with directly helping individuals or small groups

People Contact: have day-to-day contact with clients or colleagues

Teamwork: work in collaboration with others as part of a team

Friendships: Develop close personal relationships with people at work

Congenial Atmosphere: work with friendly colleagues

Competition: engage in activities that test my abilities/achievements against others' abilities/achievements Make Decisions: have authority to decide courses of action, policies, etc.

Fast Pace: work in a busy atmosphere with frequent deadlines

Supervision: be directly responsible for work done by others

Influence People: be in a position to change attitudes or opinions of other people

Work Alone: work on projects by myself, with little contact with others

Independence: work with little direction from others

Intellectual Challenge: perform work that is intellectually stimulating

Work on Frontiers of Knowledge: engage in the pursuit of knowledge or generating new ideas

Professional Development: have a job with opportunities for growth or promotions

Job Tranquility: work in a low pressure environment

Work/Life Balance: balance time spent at work and time spent doing other activities

Family Friendly: have a job with policies supportive of families, including day care, flexible work schedules, etc.

Exercise Competence: take advantage of my strongest talents and skills on a regular basis

Values Assessment

Expert Status: be acknowledged as an expert in a given field

Creativity: originate and develop new ideas

Aesthetics: appreciate the beauty of things and ideas that I work with

Predictability: have job duties that are similar day-to-day

Variety: have job duties that change frequently

Job Security: be assured of keeping my job and salary

Benefits Available: have health, retirement, tuition reimbursements, etc.

Recognition: be recognized or appreciated for the quality of my work

Risk Taking: have work duties that involve trying new things, despite the chance that negative outcomes could result

Earning Potential: have a salary which allows me to purchase essentials as well as some luxuries of life

Location: live in a place which is conducive to my lifestyle

Physically Challenging: have a job that requires high physical demands

Not Physically Challenging: have a job that does not require high physical demands

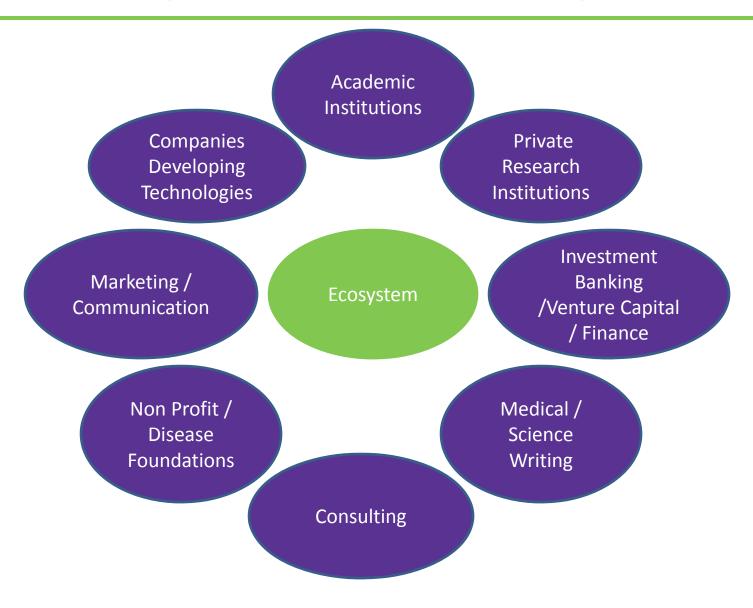
Flexible Schedule: have some choice over the hours or days that I work

Status and Prestige: work in a position or organization which carries respect with my friends, family or colleagues

Learn New Things: be challenged to learn new skills or knowledge on a regular basis

High Demand: develop a desirable knowledge base or skill set to facilitate finding my next job

Why was this developed?



20 Different Career Paths

Principal investigator in a research-intensive institution:

Independent researcher at a medical school, private research institute, government lab or university with minimal teaching responsibilities

Research in industry:

Discovery or preclinical researcher; manager of a research team or facility

Research staff in a research-intensive institution:

Staff scientist or researcher in academia or government, lab manager, director of a multi-user research facility in an academic institution

Combined research and teaching careers:

Faculty at a liberal arts college or university whose job includes both research and major teaching responsibilities

Teaching-intensive careers in academia:

A primarily teaching faculty position in a research university, liberal arts college, community college

Science education for K-12 schools:

Classroom teacher; curriculum developer; science specialist

Science education for non-scientists:

Education or public outreach specialist such as at a science museum or scientific society

Clinical practice:

Clinician such as genetics counselor, therapist, physician

Public health related careers:

Public health program analyst or evaluator; epidemiologist; biostatistician; medical informaticist

Drug/device approval and production:

Regulatory affairs professional; quality control specialist

Scientific/medical testing:

Testing specialist in an environmental, public health, genetics, or forensic science setting (intelligence agencies, federal/state departments of justice); clinical diagnostician

Science writing:

Science, medical, or technical writer or journalist; science editor; science publisher

Research administration:

Research administrator in private or public research institutions, government or academia, including compliance officers, grants and contracts officers; dean or director of research programs

Science policy:

Public affairs/government affairs staff at scientific societies, foundations, government entities, or think tanks

Intellectual property:

Patent agent; patent attorney; technology transfer specialist

Business of science:

Management consultant; business development professional in a biotech company; venture capitalist; market researcher; investment analyst

Entrepreneurship:

Starting your own business

Sales and marketing of science-related products:

Medical science liaison; technical sales representative; marketing specialist

Support of science-related products:

Technical support specialist; field application specialist; product development scientist or engineer

Clinical research management:

Clinical research project/trials manager or coordinator

Resources to Learn About Careers

Read about Career Paths

Networking Events Informational Interviewing

Informational Interviewing Q's

Particular Job

Company





Career Progression

Career Entry

What to ask about

Particular Job

- Responsibilities
- Day to Day
- Like
- Dislike
- Growth potential
- Skills needed

Company

- Culture
- WorkEnvironment
- Management Style
- Growth Potential
- Personality Fit
- Skills needed
- Skills valued

Career Progression

- GrowthOpportunities
- Career Path
- Skills to Develop

Career Entry

- How to get in a role
- Networking
- Experience required
- Skills needed
- Skills one can learn
- Best way to enter field

Networking







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Setting Goals



Developing a Career Plan

Plan A	
Long term career goal	
Which of the following paths does your career goal most closely resemble?	Principal investigator in a research-intensive institution 🔽
What transition experience do you need to reach your long term goal?	
Plan B	
Long term career goal	
Which of the following paths does your career goal most closely resemble?	Research in industry
What transition experience do you need to reach your long term goal?	

My IDP



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