Academic and Career Support for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows

Today’s academics, researchers, and scientists face increasing competition not only in their fields of study, but in the areas of professional communication. In a tight market, it is the polished and the well-presented candidate who has an edge.

UAB’s Professional Development Program offers ongoing support for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and visiting scholars who want to gain that edge:

Courses and workshops that train participants to make effective presentations, write productive papers, grants, and dissertations, and prepare for faculty teaching responsibilities.

Take Ownership of Your Career Path

“…Today’s graduate students need to be entrepreneurial in their approach to their studies…. Career success comes from taking ownership of your career path, and you never want to leave something that important in someone else’s hands.” From “The Entrepreneurial Grad Student” by Christine Kelly at www.insidehighered.com

Courses Offered Every Semester
GRD 750 CIRTL Teaching & Learning Seminar I
GRD 751 CIRTL Teaching & Learning Seminar II
GRD 755 CIRTL Teaching Practicum
(CIRTL = Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning, http://www.uab.edu/cirtl/)

Fall Semester
Speaking & Presentation Classes
GRD 730 Dev. & Manage Your Professional Image
Mentoring/Career Development
GRD 713 Mentoring 101
GRD 732 Experiential Learning in Science Careers
Writing Classes
GRD 727 Writing & Reviewing Research*
GRD 729 Writing a Journal Article in 12 Wks
Workshops
W: GRD 706 Grants & Fellowships 101
W: GRD 707 Presenting Effectively
Ethics Classes
GRD 717 Principles of Scientific Integrity

Spring Semester
Speaking & Presentation Classes
GRD 701 Presentation & Discussion Skills
GRD 730 Developing Your Professional Image
Writing Classes
GRD 709 Writing Fellowships
GRD 727 Writing & Reviewing Research*
GRD 728 Professional Writing & Publishing*
Teaching & Ethics Classes
GRD 705 Teaching at the College Level
GRD 716 Developing a Teaching Portfolio
GRD 717 Principles of Scientific Integrity
Workshops
W: GRD 708 Writing Successfully
W: GRD 710 Career Development Workshop

Summer Semester
Speaking & Presentation Classes
GRD 701 Presentation & Discussion Skills
Mentoring/Career Development
GRD 730 Career Development in the Sciences
Writing Classes
GRD 726 Intro to Research Writing & Style
GRD 727 Writing & Reviewing Research*
GRD 728 Professional Writing & Publishing*
Teaching Classes
GRD 705 Teaching at the College Level
GRD 716 Developing a Teaching Portfolio
GRD 702 Speech & Discussion Skills for Teachers

All Classes are 2 or 3 credit hours
W= workshop (1 credit hour)
*Online sections offered

Check the online UAB Class Schedule for updated course offerings.

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