




# PRE-ARRIVAL WEBINAR: CAREER PLANNING FROM THE START

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## AGENDA

1. Intro to Services and Resources
  2. Overview of Career Opportunities for Grad Students
  3. Q & A
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## SERVICES & RESOURCES

- 1-1 Career Advising (virtual and in-person)
  - Career Workshops for Graduate Students (Pathways to Success)
  - Digital Resources
- <https://students.ubc.ca/career/career-resources/career-resources-graduate>
- <https://students.ubc.ca/career/career-resources/career-resources-indigenous-colour-disabilities-lgbtq2sia>
- Job Postings (Careers Online)
- <https://ubc-csm.symplicity.com>
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## QUESTIONS RE: WORK VISAS, WORK ELIGIBILITY, ETC.

<https://students.ubc.ca/about-student-services/international-student-advising>



## GAINING EXPERIENCE

- You may, or may not, be able to gain formal related work experience while enrolled in a full-time graduate program
- Your capacity for work will likely fluctuate and change at different points within your program (especially for longer degrees)
- Look for opportunities to gain related experiences and skills *within* your degree
- Skills + network are a form of “experience”

### Checklist

- Is a co-op/practicum/internship a required part of my program? Is it an optional component?
- Is a teaching assistant/research assistant role part of my funding/package? Do other students in my program commonly work as Teaching Assistants/Research Assistants?



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## CO-OPS/PRACTICUMS/REQUIRED INTERNSHIPS

If a work experience component is a **required** part of your program, your program should provide you with information about how/when to apply. Your program coordinator/co-op office is likely the best place to start with questions about these opportunities.



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## TEACHING ASSISTANT/RESEARCH ASSISTANT ROLES

- These may be advertised formally or informally and are often circulated via departmental emails/list serves, or posted to department websites. Some departments also have “grad student handbooks” which may contain information
- It is helpful to talk with upper-year students about how/when they secured these positions.
- You can also talk with your research supervisor (if you have one) and/or faculty in your department about whether they are hiring for these positions
- You may be able to look for positions in related departments as well as your home department



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## OTHER POSSIBILITIES

- Work Learn jobs <https://students.ubc.ca/career/ubc-experiences/work-learn-program>
- Mitacs opportunities <https://www.mitacs.ca/our-programs/accelerate-core-students-postdocs/>
- Sustainability Scholars <https://sustain.ubc.ca/programs/sustainability-scholars-program/apply>
- Part-time/full-time (?) off campus jobs

GSS committees, student government

Joining the board of relevant not-for-profits/organizations

Personal projects/portfolio development



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### CAREER BUILDING OPTIONS

- **Informational Interviews (network building)**
  - ✓ People with jobs you want program alumni, etc.
- **Review job postings and notice trends**
  - ✓ Potential skill development based on these trends (courses, certificates, Pathways to Success, etc.)
  - ✓ Academic jobs: participate in hiring committees and review the CVs of individuals getting hired in your discipline
- **Start a list of prospective employers**
- **(Possibly) test and try out (collaborations, consulting, internships, post-docs, etc.)**



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### EXPLORING LONGER TERM CAREER OPTIONS

<https://www.imaginephd.com/>

<https://myidp.sciencecareers.org/>



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### PRE-SUBMITTED QUESTIONS

- How easy/challenging is it to find work?
- How do I know what opportunities/types of work are best for me? (Given my career goals, priorities, etc.?)
- What career planning support is available for grad students who already have significant work experience (10-15yrs +)?



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