The GPDC aims to enhance your transferable skills in order to better prepare you for your studies and for a competitive job market. GPDC is a great place to make meaningful professional connections with staff, faculty, and other graduate students. All of the workshops offered are eligible for MyGPD credit. You will receive one MyGPD credit for every three hours you spend attending sessions. Whether you are at the beginning stages of your graduate career or close to your next steps, we are sure the GPDC will help you reach your career aspirations!

Happening virtually on October 11 and in-person on October 12.

Please register to receive additional conference details.

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Unclutter to Feel Better: The Academic Workflow

Presenter: Vicki Zhang, PhD Candidate, Biology (EEB), U of T Coders and Denise Maranga, PhD Student, Biology (EEB), U of T Coders

Do you find it difficult to organize all your notes, data, and visualizations? Are you intimidated to dive into your projects every time you open your computer? Is your file directory a mess?

As grad students, we are responsible for managing multiple projects at a time, which can be overwhelming! Join UofT Coders for this session focused on how to cleanly and efficiently manage your projects in a systematic method, which is crucial for reproducibility and collaboration in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

Enhancing Job Readiness by Identifying Transferable Skills in Teaching

Presenter: Dr. Cristina D’Amico, Faculty Liaison Coordinator, Graduate Student Development & TA Training, Teaching Assistants’ Training Program (TATP) / Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation and Panayiota Platanitis, Career Counsellor, UTM Career Centre

In this interactive workshop, participants will learn how to reframe their specialized teaching skills into transferrable skills that apply to non-academic career settings. Expressing transferrable skills in "employer-speak" will help graduate students effectively market themselves during a job search. Participants will be able to identify the transferrable skills acquired through their teaching experiences using reflection and a skills list. They will also express several of their transferrable skills using accomplishment-based statements that can be easily adapted for a resume or cover letter.

Graduate Student Research Tools & Strategies

Presenter: Meaghan Valant, Assessment & Liaison Librarian, UTM Library

During this session, we will introduce you to a variety of advanced search strategies and library tools to help you succeed with graduate level research. By the end of this session, you will be familiar with: Databases available through the University of Toronto Libraries; Database scope notes and help documentation; Advanced search strategies; Resources for finding grey literature; Pros and cons of using Google Scholar; Finding theses and dissertations.

Preparing for a Large Writing Project: Tackling Writer’s Block and Procrastination

Presenter: Dr. Jordana Garbati, Director, Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre, Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, Institute for the Study of University Pedagogy

Are you stressed about writing? Are you overwhelmed by white screens and blank notebook pages? Do you make time for everything but writing on some days? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this session is for you. Join Dr. Jordana Garbati as we explore procrastination in writing and (re)learn some strategies to overcome writer’s block. By the end of this session, you will feel more confident about working with large writing projects and how to develop a writing plan that fits your schedule.

Mix and Mingle: Networking Event

Presenter: Jason John, Assistant Director, Employer Relations and Marketing, Career Centre

Connect with current graduate students, U of T alumni, and industry professionals with advanced degrees to learn about their career paths, current positions, and how to launch a successful career.