



GPDC 2022

February 23 - 25 | Graduate Student Professional Development Conference

The GPDC aims to enhance your transferable skills in order to better prepare you for your studies and for a competitive job market. It 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!

Choose from two streams: **Research Skills Development** or **Career Skills Development**, or come to all the sessions!

Happening virtually. In lieu of our traditional lunch, those who come to two or more sessions will receive a food delivery gift card.

Please register to receive the links.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, February 23rd

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Getting Things Done: Time Management for Grad Students
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 4:30 AM	Informational Interviews

Thursday, February 24th

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Career Management
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Break
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM	Learning from Failure across Disciplines

Friday, February 25th

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Anatomy of Data Visualization: Telling Stories with Your Data
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Break
2:15 PM – 3:45 PM	Alumni Panel and Networking

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SCHEDULE IN DETAIL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Getting Things Done: Time Management for Grad Students <i>Presenter:</i> Kerrie Martin , Employment Strategist, Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre and Jonathan Vroom , Assistant Professor, Institute for the Study of University Pedagogy This workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss strategies for effectively managing the many demands on the time of graduate students. Emphasis will be placed on finding a balance between academic and personal commitments, as well as creating accountability for oneself. Primary points of discussion will include procrastination, prioritization, and personal organization.
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Informational Interviews <i>Presenter:</i> Ron Wener , Employment Strategist, Career Centre What are information interviews and how can they help you? This workshop will discuss ways that you can find people with whom you can speak and help you create good questions to ask. Learn how to get informed about possible career paths, whether within or outside of the academic world.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Career Management <i>Presenter:</i> Jamie Kunkel , Career Counsellor, UTM Career Centre Graduate school is a time when you are exposed to all kinds of new experiences, information, and people. This session will talk about how you can make the most of these opportunities and apply them to your career in meaningful ways as you move through (and beyond!) graduate school.
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Break
4:15 pm – 5:15 pm	Learning from Failure across Disciplines <i>Presenters:</i> Fiona Rawle , Acting Co-Chair, Toronto Initiative for Diversity and Excellence; Director, RGASC, Nicole Laliberte , Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Geomatics, and Environment, UTM, and Jennifer Ross , Postdoctoral Fellow, UTM This panel will explore how learning from failure takes on different forms across disciplines. We'll also discuss why learning failure is a core component of teaching and learning as well as approaches to scholarly work, and what supports are needed to make this work meaningful.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022

1:00 pm –
2:00 pm

Anatomy of Data Visualization: Telling Stories with Your Data

Presenters:

Shay Saharan, Michie Wu, and Amy Zhang, *Masters of Science in Biomedical Communications (MScBMC) Program students, Institute of Medical Science*

Data visualization is a powerful tool for telling meaningful stories with data. It helps us see patterns and trends that we might not have noticed otherwise, or tell a story that's more compelling than numbers in a table.

This workshop builds your understanding of data visualization. You will learn how to select the best visualization type for your data and audience, and improve its effectiveness using graphic design. We will also introduce the tools necessary for visualizing your data.

2:00 pm –
2:15 pm

Break

2:15 pm –
3:45 pm

Alumni Panel and Networking

Presenter:

Ron Wener, *Employment Strategist, Career Centre*

Connect with U of T alumni and industry professionals with advanced degrees. Learn about their career paths, current positions, and how to launch a successful career. Hosted by Ron Wener, Employment Strategist, and featuring Dan Junik, Science and Regulatory Director of Klick Health and MBIotech graduate; Shefaly Gunjal, Manager – Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at Citizen Relations and MSc Sustainability and Management graduate; Tanroop Aujla, Research Technologist at The Hospital for Sick Children and MSc Physiology graduate; and Anna Cumaraswamy, Associate Director, Oncology at Gilead Sciences and PhD Chemistry graduate. Following the panel, you'll have a chance to connect with the panelists personally.