PhD Professional Skill Development

Own Your PhD Process: Lessons Learned from the Dissertation Institute and Being an Effective Mentee and Mentor

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Dissertation

This part of the interactive workshop will share strategies and suggested approaches from the Dissertation Institute (an NSF-sponsored workshop) to help all doctoral students take ownership of the doctoral experience and help them make progress towards degree completion. Topics include: owning your Ph.D., picking a research topic, time management, life after Ph.D. (academic and other options), and job search and negotiation, among others.

Mentoring

Though rarely discussed, mentoring is central to graduate student success, and to the role of researchers, educators, and STEM professionals. This part of the interactive workshop aims to train graduate students in engineering and science to become more effective mentees and mentors. It will focus on several important topics: aligning expectations, establishing mentoring networks, encouraging ethical behaviors, examining professionalism, communicating across barriers, and understanding constructive group behaviors.

October 6: 9AM-5PM
October 7: 9AM-2PM
1 Metrotech Center, Room 1967 (Hospitality Suite)