

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

PRESENTATION

Future-Proofing Your Scientific Career: Aligning Identity with Opportunity



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In today's unpredictable research landscape, many scientists are rethinking what it means to grow a meaningful, sustainable career. Instead of following a fixed path or waiting for opportunities to appear, researchers are learning how to recognize and create options that align with their identity.

In this interactive session, we'll explore future-proofing from two essential timelines: the short-term, where having a strategic Plan B can help you stay adaptable during change or uncertainty; and the long-term, where defining your personal vision of career success helps guide you toward a fulfilling destination. We'll use the lens of your professional identity/brand (your unique combination of values, interests, and skills) to explore three distinct career journey approaches and three practical strategies for identifying your next opportunity.

You'll leave with greater clarity about your direction, a framework for evaluating opportunities, and the confidence to make career decisions that align with both your short-term needs and long-term goals.

This presentation references concepts introduced in earlier sessions from the "Future-Proofing Your Science Career" series. Prior attendance is helpful but not required—you'll still gain plenty of value even if this is your first event.

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