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Event Overview

The future of public and private sector-funded R&D hinges on developing a robust and diverse pipeline of talented early-career scientists, researchers, and engineers who can drive innovation and positive societal change. The objective of the Early Career Researcher Summit is to bring together a diverse group of early career researchers from across the medical, health, and science arenas to:

1. Gain insights into the range of careers available to them
2. Empower them to secure and thrive in the career path they choose
3. Provide communications tools they can use for advocacy and other forms of civic engagement
4. Network across the R&D ecosystem

The Summit will be held over the course of five days in June to maximize opportunities for you to join our thought-provoking sessions. Throughout these events, you will have the opportunity to explore an array of career paths, network with fellow researchers and career professionals, participate in professional development workshops, and engage in meaningful discussions around issues critical to the success of the R&D ecosystem. We will feature open networking time at the end of each session.

Session 1: Career Tour – Panels of Early Career Professionals

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 12:30 - 3:00 PM ET

Early career researchers can choose from a wide array of careers to employ their science and health expertise. But what do these career options look like? Two panels of early career professionals will discuss their career choices and describe their current positions. Participants will then move to breakout sessions for more in-depth discussions.

Session 2: Mastering the Elevator Pitch

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 12:30 - 1:45 PM ET

Communicating science to general audiences is a skill that is important for scientists across all disciplines. The discussion will feature mastering an elevator pitch for friends, family, and policymakers, led by Research!America's Victoria Schneider, PhD, and Samantha Miller. We will then split into breakout groups where participants will receive feedback on their elevator pitches and have the opportunity to rework them. The last part of the session will give everyone an opportunity to think about how to put this into practice and network with others.

Session 3: Communicating Science to Inspire and Foster Public Engagement

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 12:30 - 1:45 PM ET

Have you wondered how to use your science to create wonder and effect positive societal change? Meet four accomplished early career scientists and learn about how they have leveraged their science and science communication skills to inspire the next generation of scientists. Following our moderated discussion, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about fostering public engagement.

Session 4: Building a Strong Resume: A Hiring Manager's Perspective

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 12:30 - 2:15 PM ET

How do you communicate your value to an employer in a highly competitive job environment? What are useful tools to help you stand out on LinkedIn? Hear from Josh Henkin, PhD, who will share tips on best practices to develop a LinkedIn profile and craft a resume that demonstrates your scientific qualifications and experience.

Session 5: Science and Startups: Taking your Research to the Next Level

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 12:30 - 1:45 PM ET

Have you ever wondered if you are cut out to start a company applying your science? Join Nucleate, a student-led organization of bio-innovators, to discuss tips and tools helpful to scientists when researching the startup space. The session will provide participants with an in-depth introduction to identifying a market opening and selecting founders and investors to transform science into entrepreneurship. Bring your questions and learn more!

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