



Graduate Pathways to Success Workshop and Centre for Student Involvement & Careers Session: Know your Strengths, Explore your Options, Design your Career

Wednesday, May 24th, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Fred Kaiser Building, 2332 Main Mall, Point Grey Campus

Prior to attending this session, you will be asked to complete an online assessment, Gallup's StrengthsQuest™ (www.strengthsquest.com/). Utilizing your results from the online assessment, this session will help you explore, understand and apply your top five strengths to your graduate school success and career planning. You will begin to create an individual graduate school success plan to help you explore your strengths, challenges, likes and dislikes and find what motivates you.

In recognizing how your strengths contribute to your academic and professional effectiveness, you will lay the groundwork for your future career. What career(s) best suit you? How do you get there from here? What opportunities can you explore while in graduate school? How can you best utilize tools such as LinkedIn, Informational Interviewing, Job Search Strategies, and Professional Relationship Building.

Presenters:

Jacqui Brinkman is the Manager, Graduate Pathways to Success program in the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. Her current work focuses on improving the graduate student experience through offering professional development programs, orientation, and the Three Minute Thesis competition. Jacqui completed her BSc (Biology) at the University of Victoria and her MSc (Biology) from McGill University. Jacqui's past experience includes managing postdoctoral and undergraduate student educational programs within the UBC Faculty of Medicine. She also worked as a lab-based researcher both within academia and the biotechnology industry.

Rachel Fernandez is an Associate Dean in Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies – responsible for the Postdoctoral Fellows Office and graduate student professional development, and a Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. Dr. Fernandez received her BSc from the University of Toronto and her MSc and PhD degrees from Dalhousie University. She arrived at UBC after being a postdoctoral fellow at Virginia Commonwealth University and at the University of Cincinnati.

Kimberley Rawes is a Career Educator with over 8 years of experience in career development with students at UBC. She is passionate about using progressive applications of career theories as well as facilitating engaging and enriching sessions for students to learn and grow. Kimberley is currently studying Curriculum and Pedagogy at UBC with the Faculty of Education. In her spare time, she runs on the trails at Pacific Spirit Park, loves to listening to NPR podcasts, and watches stand-up comedy.

Registration: Priority will be given to UBC graduate students registered in the current academic session. \$10.00 (includes your online code for StrengthsQuest, a light lunch and refreshments).

To register, please visit: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/about-us/events/16050-know-your-strengths-explore-your-options-design-your-career>

Confirmation of registration will be sent within two working days. If you experience any difficulty using the online registration tool, please graduate.pathways@ubc.ca.

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