Andrew Crain

- Director of Experiential Professional Development
- The Graduate School
- acrain@uga.edu
Our Mission:
To enhance support for UGA graduate students who are interested in industry, government, and non-profit career fields

By the numbers…

7,000+ UGA Graduate Students

35% Pursue initial careers in industry

27% Pursue careers in gov’t / non-profit

40% UGA doctoral recipients who pursue industry, gov’t, or non-profit careers

Top areas of demand

Graduate students report needing help with:
Exploring career options, Career planning, Finding full-time job opportunities, Networking, and Salary negotiation

Follow us on Twitter: @UGAGradCareers

Andrew Crain, Director (acrain@uga.edu)
xPD Programs + Services

Traditional Workshops
One or two-hour trainings on a range of core topics which include Career Exploration, Networking, Personal Branding, LinkedIn, Federal Government Job Searching, Industry Job Searching, Finding an Internship, and more.

Company Site Visits
Sometimes, the best way to understand an organization is to visit! Company site visits led by xPD have ranged as near as Boehringer-Ingelheim in Athens and as far away as Bayer Crop Science in St. Louis.

Internships
xPD’s Internship Program offers paid summer assistantships for PhD students in the humanities and social sciences. Participants get to experience various higher education and research administration career tracks at UGA.

Panel Discussions
Throughout the year we host a variety of virtual or in-person panel discussions with UGA alumni and other experienced professionals. Recent topics have included Careers in Conservation, Social Science Careers #withaPhD, and Careers in Consulting.

Job Simulations
Not all graduate students can pursue an internship. Job simulations offer an alternative window into various career fields by allowing students to partner with experienced professionals in the field to undertake a small 1-2 week “case study” project.

Resources + Advocacy
Our on-going goal is to advocate for students. We aim to promote existing resources to support graduate student career development, cultivate new resources when necessary, and serve as a center of excellence at UGA for graduate student career diversity.
Who have we engaged?

In the past calendar year we have engaged representatives from the following organizations in our programs: