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The Future is Now: Professional Development in Today's Graduate Environment

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- Founded 1957
- 56 Doctoral Progs
- 126 Master's Progs
- 8,200 grad students
- AAU member
- Brookhaven NL
- Rapid Expansion




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Professional Development for Grad Students

Ultimate Goals	Proximate Goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competency• Efficiency• Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awareness• Preparation• Success




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Enhancing Awareness

- Career options
- Market trends
- Necessary credentials
- Success strategies
- Comparative advantages
- Limitations



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Preparation

- Communication skills
- Teaching skills
- Management skills
- Technical skills
- Mentoring
- Language and cultural competencies
- Professional ethics




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Success

- Time management
- Stress management
- Thesis/dissertation help
- Financial competency
- Holistic health
- Community
 - Social benefits
 - Scholarly benefits




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Basic Principles

- Data based evaluation and planning
- Pilot with subgroups of students
- Focus resources for greatest return
- Coordinate through IREP



Committed to Academic Excellence

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Professional Development at Stony Brook


- Professional development, mentoring, and advising traditionally left to graduate programs
- Career Center focused on undergrads
- Center for Inclusive Education does a great job with URM students (AGEPT-T, IRACDA, LSAMP)
- PSM Programs in Physics and Chemistry
- Many new initiatives

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Enhancing Awareness

- External speakers
- Workshops
- SB Graduate Career Association
- WCUB at NYU
- Communication and Outreach
- *IDPs*
- *Blog and Social Media*



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Preparation

- Program Evaluations
- Communicating Science
- Provost's Lecture Series
- Accountabla-Buddy
- Writing to Win
- *Professional Certificates*
- *Entrepreneurship*
- *Interdisciplinary Clusters*




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Success and Community

- Building Graduate Communities
- Life science innovations (NAGS-ETS Award)
- Keeping It Real
- Celebrate With Us Socials



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