#### Charting Success: From Graduate School to the Marketplace

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#### The Pathways Report: Key Points for Universities



Curricula that innovate and evolve with the needs of the economy



Helping students develop the skill sets necessary to compete in the professional marketplace



Opportunities for active engagement with industry, government, and other sectors of the economy



The importance of career counseling and connections with professionals and previous graduate students



Developing processes to track the outcome side of the equation

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## What BU Is Doing







Interdisciplinary and co-curricular opportunities that broaden capabilities, enhance marketability, and encourage entrepreneurship Nurturing new collaborations between campuses and with the private and public sectors

New frameworks to track the rigor, value, and success of programs, from Academic Program Review to Associate Provosts for Graduate and Undergraduate Affairs



### **A World of Opportunity**



ENG collaborations in sustainability, cybersecurity, photonics, advanced materials

Clinical & Translational Science Institute

Collaboration Across Sectors & Disciplines Office of Technology Development and Institute for Technology Entrepreneurship & Commercialization



# **Areas for Progress Moving Forward**

Sharing report with deans and department chairs to help guide conversations over the coming years Providing greater opportunity for students to connect with counselors and professionals to assist in career planning Assisting in professional development while still maintaining the academic rigor of Master's and Ph.D. programs Generating surveys, building databases and utilizing social media (Google+, LinkedIn and Facebook) to actively track careers of exiting graduate students

