College of Natural Sciences Professional Development Seminar Series
2015-2016

All seminars take place on Tuesdays (3rd Tuesday of each month), 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Location: NHB 1.720

**Purpose:** The College of Natural Sciences launched a Professional Development Seminar Series specifically designed for CNS graduate students and postdocs in the fall of 2013. Our goal is to provide a seminar series that will:

- expose our students/scientists to a wide range of science careers
- encourage pro-active preparation for future careers
- provide a foundational understanding of responsible scientific conduct that is expected for work here at UT and beyond

**Seminars planned for 2015-16 include:**

- PhD panel discussions (involving guests with established scientific careers):
  1. Science Communication career panel
  2. Industry Careers Panel – Traditional High Tech R&D Industries
  3. Non-traditional Industry/Agency Careers – (may include environmental science, data science, consulting careers)
- 2 Academic Job Search preparation seminars
- Women in STEM panel discussion
- Ethics in Teaching
- Conflicts of Interest (identifying personal, professional and financial conflicts of interest)
- Research Misconduct – Case Study Review
- Professional Skills for the Workplace

**Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Certification Option:** Many funding organizations, including the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health, require training in scientific ethics, also known as Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), for graduate students and postdocs supported by certain types of grant funding and fellowships. In addition to providing career development and networking opportunities, the CNS Professional Development Seminar Series provides a mechanism for graduate students and postdocs to fulfill RCR training requirements. By attending 8 RCR-eligible seminars covering a range of topics, students can complete the full sequence of RCR training required by the National Institutes of Health and other funding agencies. The RCR training received through the Professional Development Seminar Series may be applied in addition to (or in place of) the University-wide RCR training that is offered once annually by the Office of Sponsored Projects. (The annual OSP training sessions will remain an option for RCR completion.)