Determining Next Career Steps and Creating a Plan to Get There

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Abstract
Graduate and postdoctoral training is often a mix of “the best of times” and the “worst of times” – the exhilaration of discovery vs. the uncertainties of “what’s next” and “will I ever finish”. This presentation will provide resources for assessing the alignment of various career options with regards to one’s professional skill set and life priorities, how to map out an effective plan towards achieving that goal, and how to strategically apportion the time available to carry out that plan.

Biosketch
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