

The OPTIONS Program – PhD and PDF

Cohort – Fall 2023

Thursday, October 5 – Thursday, Nov 30 | 1 – 3PM ET

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Description	Instructor
Thurs Oct 5	1 - 3 pm	GB217	Labour Market and Transferable Skills	Identify sectors that employ engineering graduates and the skills and attributes employers seek from the workforce.	Craig Steeves, Professor, Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS)
Thurs Oct 12	1 - 3 pm	GB217	Career Exploration Plan I	Reflect on your experiences and stories in an organized way to clarify your strengths, desires, interests, personal qualities and influences using a career management tool. Create a career statement with a professional vocabulary.	Teresa Didiano, Associate Director, Office of the Vice Dean, Graduate Studies
Thurs Oct 19	1 - 3 pm	GB217	Career Exploration Plan II	Debrief the career management tool. Transform your 'career statement' into an actionable Career Exploration Plan for 3+ career possibilities.	Mark Franklin, Practice Leader, CareerCycles.com & Instructor, Engineering Careers (TEP1030)
Thurs Oct 26	1 - 3 pm	GB217	Networking I: Personal Value Proposition and Optimizing Your LinkedIn Profile	Develop a personal value proposition that communicates the unique value you bring to the workplace. Learn the fundamental building blocks of a LinkedIn profile to support you in building a network of engineering professionals.	Joanne Lieu, Graduate Professional Development Coordinator, Office of the Vice Dean, Graduate Studies
Thurs Nov 2	1 - 3 pm	Online	Networking II: Informational Interviews	Learn how to conduct informational interviews that allow you to explore career options and cultivate meaningful relationships with industry leaders. Conduct a mock interview with a U of T Engineering alumni.	Lydia Wilkinson, Assistant Professor, Engineering Communication Program
Nov 6 – 10 (Complete on your own time)		Online	Job Search Strategies I: Resume and Cover Letter	Apply strategies to showcase your engineering experiences in an employment-oriented resume and cover letter.	Anny Fong, Lecturer, Rotman School of Management
Thurs Nov 16	1 - 3 pm	Myhal 8 th Floor Terrace	Job Search Strategies II: Interviewing	Learn about the types of interview questions and how best to answer them. Participate in a mock interview.	Joanne Lieu, Graduate Professional Development Coordinator, Office of the Vice Dean, Graduate Studies
Thurs Nov 23	1 - 3 pm	GB217	Job Search Strategies III: Workplace Fit and Job Offer Negotiation	Define the workplace and culture factors that are important for your career and life. Learn about the job negotiation process, including what you can negotiate and how to have a negotiation conversation.	Mark Franklin Practice Leader, CareerCycles.com & Instructor, Engineering Careers (TEP1030)
Thurs Nov 30	1 - 3 pm	GB217	Leading In Your Career	You landed a job! Now what? Use a self-assessment to discover your working style to transform from an individual technical expert to a collaborative engineering leader. Identify strategies to take initiative in your new job.	Joanne Lieu, Graduate Professional Development Coordinator, Office of the Vice Dean, Graduate Studies