



# LIFE SCIENCES INDUSTRY DAY

**Friday Sept. 24 via Zoom**

## **DRAFT PROGRAM AGENDA**

*Please check the event registration page periodically for updates to the agenda.*

*We anticipate finalizing the schedule no later than Sept. 1.*

**9:00 – 10:15 am**

**Welcome + Opening Keynote**

### **Career Choices for PhDs in Science: Opening the Doors of Opportunity**

*Melanie Sinche, Author of Next Gen PhD*

What types of careers are available for PhDs in science? If you are familiar with the role of your faculty advisor but are unsure of other careers outside of that role, join us for this data-driven presentation to learn more about career options for PhDs in science. The research shared during this session is based on a large-scale survey project documenting career choices of thousands of PhDs. Come learn more about the wide world of work available to PhD-trained scientists!

Melanie Sinche serves as the Interim Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, the Director of the Career Development Center, and the Executive Director of the Women's Leadership Center at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) in West Hartford, Connecticut. Prior to joining USJ, she served as Director of Education at The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine in Farmington, CT, developing programs for undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars and assisting all trainees with career transitions. Melanie is the author of *Next Gen PhD: A Guide to Career Paths in Science*, published by Harvard University Press in August 2016. While working on *Next Gen PhD*, she served as a Senior Research Associate in the Labor and Worklife Program at the Harvard Law School, where she conducted survey research on careers for PhDs in science. She also served as the Founding Director of the FAS Office of Postdoctoral Affairs at Harvard University, held the same position at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and served as a consultant to the National Institutes of Health in building the first NIH Career Center for over 9,000 intramural trainees. Melanie received her Bachelor's degree from Colgate University, and graduate degrees from the University of Michigan and North Carolina State University. She is a National Certified Counselor with a career development focus on PhDs.



**10:30 - 11:45 am Company Feature Session**

**Exploring Career Opportunities at Johnson & Johnson**

*Irving Smith III, PhD, General Manager*

*The Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson*



Irving Smith has over 25 years of global leadership experience in a variety of functional roles. Prior to joining J&J Irving served in a variety of roles in the United States Armed Forces, the United States Military Academy and as a consultant working at Mastercard and Comcast Cable in executive operations management, leadership and development, logistics, diversity and inclusion, strategic management, analytics, and program management. Irving earned his Ph.D in Sociology from the University of Maryland, an M.B.A in Finance from Columbia Business School and a B.S. from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

**12:00 – 1:15 pm Virtual Networking Lunch & Team Practicum Activity TBA**

**1:30 – 2:30 pm Breakout Sessions**

**Breakout 1: Leveraging Your Strengths Towards a Career in Science Policy**

*Adriana Bankston, Principal Legislative Analyst*

*University of California Office of Federal Governmental Relations*

**Breakout 2: Facilitating Research in Healthcare and Human Development**

*Heidi Ehrenreich, PhD MPH, Multidisciplinary Research Coordinator*

*Northeast Georgia Health System*

## 2:45 – 3:45 pm Breakout Sessions

### **Breakout 3: Mooving into Animal Health at Boehringer Ingelheim**

*Peter Cheifetz, PhD, PMP, Director, Pharmaceutical Formulation Development  
Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health US*

### **Breakout 4: Federal Government Internships/Fellowships & the ORISE Program**

*CDC representative TBA*

## 4:00 – 5:00 pm Closing Session

### **Human Resources Panel Discussion: Navigating the Industry Hiring Process**

Want to hear more about the ins and outs of industry hiring? Join us for this informative panel discussion with human resource professionals. We'll learn more about the hiring process, tips for preparing your application materials, and how to stand out (in a positive way!) during your job search.

*Kathleen Petersen, HR Leader - NA Pharm Supply Chain at Johnson & Johnson  
Additional panel speakers TBA.*

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### **Questions about this event?**

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