

BEST Program Phase III – Career Exploration 2018



Career Areas

- Business
- Communication
- Research Administration
- Teaching
- Government

The BEST program, coordinated through the Graduate School, seeks to help doctoral students explore new careers based on their area of interest or support students who initiate their own Career Exploration opportunities that integrate their doctoral studies with the knowledge and skills of other disciplines.

Eligibility

The BEST Program – Phase III Career Exploration is open to doctoral students and postdoctoral scientists with an interest in biomedical careers.

Other requirements:

- Attendance at and/or viewing videos of the BEST 2015 Orientation and the specific career track session of the Phase I Module topic that matches your career interest. If you view a video online, you also need to take its corresponding online quiz. Videos must be viewed online and quizzes must be taken through the BEST Blackboard site by January 15, 2018.
- Participation in the specific career track of the Phase II Modules in Winter 2018.
- A completed/updated IDP submitted by the application deadline of December 1, 2017.
- Satisfactory academic performance.
- Formal application with a statement of interest including a clear career objective that demonstrates an understanding of BEST Program values and objectives, a genuine interest in and grasp of the specific career area, strong communication skills, and a good work ethic.
- Approval by PI or faculty advisor and your department's Director of Graduate Studies (indicated by signatures on the application).

Application

All applications must include the following items:

Process

1. The completed 2-page application form
2. A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume
3. An unofficial transcript of doctoral coursework

Please compile these three items into **one PDF file** and send it to BEST@wayne.edu.

A completed application indicates a student's commitment, but is not a guarantee of selection.

Notification

Review of Phase III applications for Teaching Career Explorations with non-BUILD educational institutions and all other Career Explorations will take place in December 2017. Applicants for Teaching Career Explorations with non-BUILD educational institutions and all other Career Explorations will be notified by **Friday, December 22, 2017**.

After December 1, 2017, additional applications will be reviewed if career opportunity slots become available.

All non-Teaching Career Exploration opportunities will commence Spring/Summer 2018.



Graduate School



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*Career Exploration
Requirements*

Participants are required to enroll in GS 7890 – **Preparing Doctoral Trainees for Multiple Careers**. This is a 1-credit online course oriented toward doctoral students interested in preparing for a career outside of research-focused academia. GS 7890 will be offered Spring/Summer 2018.

Participants will be expected to submit a report upon completion of their Career Exploration (this is a requirement for receiving a BEST stipend) and are also expected to participate in data collection activities.

*Contact
Information*

Please contact Heidi Kenaga, Program Manager, Graduate School, at BEST@wayne.edu if you have questions.
