

Trainee Perspective
&
CABTRAC Trainee Planning Committee Report

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Thank you!

- CABTRAC board members & organizers
- Sheridan
- Faculty, Program Directors & Administrators
- Trainees

Enhancing the Trainee Experience

Practical skills, knowledge and opportunities for advancing our careers (or taking the next step):

- Workshops – practical tips for grant writing (led by successful applicants?), effective networking, preparing for an informational interview, pedagogical instruction
- Career Development seminar series
- Career sector-focused workshops: “good” resume for that job type, application process, what they look for in an applicant (skills, experiences, etc.)
- Different approaches to cancer research at different types of institutes (national labs/centers, academic, biotech/pharma)
- Career Panels – alumni! (in person or over Skype)
- Site Visits to different types of career environments
- Opportunities to do short internships
- Teaching opportunities
- IDP
- Survey Results – data can inform development of effective strategies to address concerns and needs

CABTRAC Website

Could provide user-friendly resources:

- Links to grants

- Contact info for previous CABTRAC participants

- Examples of “good” grants and “good” resumes

- Etc.

CABTRAC Trainee Program Planning Committee Actionable Items

- Session on PhD Plus Programs and technical Masters Programs
 - PhD plus Masters Degrees (in Public Health, Bioinformatics, Business Administration, etc.)
 - PhDs completing Technical Masters Programs for specific niche skills
 - What this could mean for the diversity of the workforce
 - Possibility of inviting Undergrads to CABTRAC
- Career Panels
- Workshops aimed at “How to...”
 - How to become a college professor
 - How to apply for an tenure track faculty position
 - How to start your own lab
 - How to prepare for an industry position
 - How to have a career in science policy
- Communicating Science
- Publishing Pressures
- Best Practices for a Cancer Training Program