Today’s world needs more professionals with research training: data analysis, critical thinking, independence, and project management all while being subject matter experts.

MIND THE GAP

National government councils in the US, Canada, the EU, and South Africa have called for more Ph.D.s, specifically more than the academic job market requires, for their potential contributions to innovation, research, and economic development.

However, only 26% of respondents surveyed by Nature “felt that their programme was preparing them ‘very well’ for a satisfying career.”

ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS

Our program bridges the gap from academia to workforce through:

COMMUNITY

We support a robust network of 350+ peer researchers who are part of our participant community.

SKILLS

We cultivate essential career skills in Ph.D. students and postdocs with our intensive workshop series, career talks, and collaborative seminars.

NETWORKING

We connect FUTURE participants to our membership of 130 Ph.D. professionals in the regional workforce throughout government, industry, and non-profit sectors. Select partners participate in 1:1 mentoring.

“One of the appeals of the FUTURE program is the wide variety of professionals that I could talk with to find out which careers are best suited for me. The more information I can gather, and the more people I can interact with, the better prepared I will be going into the job market.” Matthew Sazma (Winter 2019)

PARTICIPANTS ACROSS UC DAVIS

Trainees come from across the university’s spectrum of health-related disciplines. We serve an average of 100 participants annually from 8 colleges, 69 departments, and 40 graduate groups.
FUTURE WORKS

• 95% alumni agree "participation in the FUTURE Program positively impacted your career search" (62 respondents)

• Participants show a 78% decrease in feelings of isolation after participating in the workshop.

• 92% alumni are either partners already or open to becoming partners.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPUS

• Science Policy and Communication Seminar Series
• State/Federal Scientist Careers Workshops
• Career Exploration and Job Search for International Researchers
• Careers Real Talk: Identity and the Job Market

CAREER OUTCOMES

Our alumni participants successfully transition to their first career positions.

PARTNER NETWORK

“I was looking for careers outside of academia when I graduated, and I think the FUTURE program would have really helped me network. This is a very valuable program for students to begin career planning... I like relaying my personal experience to students and give them hope that I was once in their position, and now I’m working at a job that I love.” - 
Dr. Clay (Ph.D. in Immunology from UC Davis; currently a Medical Science Liaison at Theravance Biopharma in Sacramento, CA.