Career and Professional Development Roadmap

This roadmap is designed to help you strategically develop your postdoctoral experience and navigate a path towards a successful career.

**GETTING STARTED**
- Discuss mutual expectations with supervisor
- Complete Responsible Conduct of Research training (as required)
- Complete safety training (as required)
- Explore available grants/fellowships/awards
- Start exploring career interests
- Develop career development goals and milestones
- Draft Individual Development Plan (IDP)
- Discuss IDP and career goals with mentor(s) regularly

**MAINTAINING MOMENTUM**
- Disseminate and present research
- Apply for available grants/fellowships/awards
- Mentor junior researchers
- Enhance collaboration skills
- Explore research resources at the GT Library
- Identify careers of interest
- Conduct informational interviews
- Keep your CV/resume up to date
- Engage in leadership and service opportunities
- Expand your professional network

**LATE STAGE**
- Write research statement for academic jobs (if relevant)
- Practice elevator pitch and job talk
- Explore entrepreneurship opportunities
- Prepare job application materials for academic job (if relevant)
- Reflect on transferable skills developed as a postdoc
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- Explore entrepreneurship opportunities
- Participate in Faculty Career Advancement groups
- Participate in Leadership and Management in Action program and Project Management series
- Participate in Preparing Future Faculty and Tech to Teaching programs
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