Have a PLAN!

The PLAN is a framework for understanding and addressing the professional development needs of graduate students.

Run by the School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies (SIGS), PLAN helps students take charge of their own learning and development by offering opportunities and resources related to Professional Development, Life Skills, Academic Development, and Networking skills.

PLAN is developed with an understanding of the literature about graduate student success, and feedback from graduate students, directors of graduate studies, faculty, and staff. PLAN is designed to help students in getting started, moving on through their program, and moving beyond graduate school.

Have Questions?
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2014-2015 Highlights!

- Introduction of our Inaugural Entrepreneurship Academy
- Most Competitive GTA Academy Yet
- NEW Website & Resources: Self-Assessment, Workshop Materials, Web Resources, Tracking
- Coming soon! Pilot STEM GTA Academy
- Visit by Dr. Leonard Cassuto, author of a monthly column about graduate education for the Chronicle of Higher Education
- New workshops: Publishing, Large Writing Projects, Networking, Applying for a PhD, Diversity in the Classroom, Wellness Fair
- Continued Support of Mentoring and Peer Mentoring
- CSGS Grant awarded to SIGS, "Alternative Academics and Scholars in the Workplace: Preparing Graduate Students for a Diversity of Career Outcomes."
  - #Alt-Ac Panel, Women in #Alt-Ac, New Web Resources Coming Soon!
PLAN includes opportunities and resources to help students be successful as they get started, move on through their programs, and move beyond graduate school!

- GTA Academy, Summer Lab GTA Academy, Grant Writing Academy, and Entrepreneurship Academy
- Graduate Student Women’s Group & Dissertation Accountability Group
- 40-60 Workshops a Year, including tracks for Teaching, Research, Career search, Technology, Communication, Leadership
- Graduate Student Peer Mentoring Program Development Support and Consultation
- One-on-One Consultations and Referrals

Sample Workshops Include:

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We are also utilizing the skills and knowledge of many university offices, faculty, and staff, who have partnered with us to provide workshops aimed at graduate student needs:

- The Delphi Center for Teaching and Learning
- The Writing Center
- The Career Development Center
- A&S Office of Research
- Graduate Student Council
- University Libraries
- Health Promotions
- School of Business
- LGBT Center
- The Office of Research
- The Ombuds Office
- International Center
- The Counseling Center
- IPIBS
- And individual faculty and staff