

# Signature Programs

Sharpen your competitive edge

## Accelerate to Industry (A2i)<sup>TM</sup>

A2i empowers NC State University graduate students and postdocs to hit the ground running in corporate environments. Program features promote development of abilities that are highly valued by industry companies, but not typically trained in academic programs. A2i participants engage in networking, discussion panels, presentations, workshops, company visits, and team projects to gain exposure to numerous industry companies along with insights and tactics to secure industry positions.

## Teaching & Communication Certificate

The new Teaching & Communication Certificate increases accessibility, flexibility, and transferability of teaching and communication training for all graduate students and postdocs at NC State University. Based on feedback from hiring managers both inside and outside of academia, program offerings were redesigned to emphasize effective engagement of the diverse audiences that advanced degree holders will face in the workplace.

## Thesis & Dissertation Support Services

The Thesis & Dissertation Support Services program supports graduate students and postdocs as they build oral and written communication skills that apply to all aspects of academic, personal and professional life. We offer a variety of writing workshops that strengthen preparation of theses and dissertations, journal articles, and public science communication. Additional programs include the Thesis & Dissertation Institute, writing retreats, online accountability groups, and development series.

## Academic Packways

The Academic packways program is a training experience that offers a competitive edge for late-stage doctoral and postdoctoral researchers who plan to pursue tenure-track faculty positions. Participants in this two-day program will gain insights and strategies for securing and experiencing success in both research and teaching-intensive faculty roles through development workshops, presentations, and panel discussions.

## Preparing the Professoriate

Preparing the Professoriate is a nationally recognized program that offers exceptional doctoral and postdoctoral scholars an immersive mentoring, teaching, and faculty preparation experience. It provides fellows with a hands-on teaching opportunity under the direction of a distinguished faculty mentor recognized for their teaching skills. The program is one of only two professional development programs that recognize successful fellows with a formal transcript notation as evidence of their achievement.

## Career Exploration Program

The Career Exploration Program exposes early-stage NC State graduate students to career outcomes in the academic, industry/business, government, and nonprofit job sectors. The two-day program includes development workshops, career panel discussions, and networking events, along with strengths assessments to help students identify their career trajectory. The program also includes design of individual development plans for participants to use as they complete their graduate training.