



Sigma Xi Succeeds

Chapter Name: Research Triangle Park (RTP)

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Program Name: Career networking for STEM PhD's in RTP

Please Provide a Brief Description of the Program:

Drawing upon local business, government and academic professionals to provide career guidance and networking event

Target Audience:

- Chapter Members
- Local University Chapters with Graduate and Postdoctoral programs
- Chapter members also participated as invited guests

What is the frequency of the event?

Stick with annual unless more demand

What are the goals of the program?

Provide forum for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to explore career options

How do you publicize for the program?

- Email to members
- Through Sigma Xi Communities
- Through other internal email lists
- Emails at postdoc offices at participating institution
- Professors at NCCU has to spread the word to students

What advice would you provide to other chapters if they are interested in implementing this program? In other words, what worked for your chapter and what didn't?

The key was collaboration with multiple institutions and to have each institution tap into their student population

How is the program funded?

NC Biotech Center provided venue; Attendees contributed nominal fee to defray refreshments

Do you feel you have achieved those goals? How do you assess that? Surveys, feedback, attendance rate...etc.

University postdoc offices surveyed attendees and speakers and had a largely positive response

Other Comments

This event work well because RTP Chapter is more industry based and could provide industry contacts to help build the program