**Professional Development Series**

**2019**

**6/5/2019 - Graduate School Welcome and Social**

The Virginia Tech graduate school invites you to learn more about its programs through a fun and interactive welcome reception. Attendees will receive a VT graduate school application fee waiver.

Tuesday, June 5, 2:00-4:00pm

Multipurpose Room, Graduate Living Center (GLC)

**6/12/2019 - Ethical Use of Data**

Amanda MacDonald and Anne Brown, PhD, of VT Libraries will speak on the ethical use of data.

Wednesday, June 12, 4:00-5:00pm

Steger Hall Auditorium, Biocomplexity Institute Conference Center (BCI)

**6/19/19 - Graduate School Panel**

Faculty and admissions officers from a number of graduate and professional programs including Vet Med and Medical School, will share tips for making you a highly competitive candidate for admission.

Wednesday, June 19, 4:00-5:00pm

Steger Hall Auditorium, Biocomplexity Institute Conference Center (BCI)

**6/26/19 – Graduate Student Panel**

Graduate students (both MS and PhD) from a variety of disciplines will talk about their graduate experience: applying to graduate school, why they chose VT, how they found a research advisor., working in a research lab and the challenges/successes they face.

Wednesday, June 26, 4:00-5:00pm
7/3/2019 - Writing a Personal Statement
Paul Heilker, associate professor of English and Honors College faculty fellow for curriculum development, will talk about how to craft an effective personal statement.
Wednesday, July 3, 4:00-5:00pm
Fralin Hall Auditorium

7/10/2019 - Writing Effective Abstracts + Proposals
Amanda MacDonald of VT Libraries will speak on writing effective abstracts & proposals.
Wednesday, July 10, 4:00-5:00pm
Fralin Hall Auditorium

7/17/19 – Creating Effective Posters
Amanda MacDonald and Kelsey Hammond of VT Libraries will lead a seminar on best practices for creating a compelling and eye-catching poster of your research.
Wednesday, July 17, 4:00-5:00pm
Fralin Hall Auditorium

7/24/19 - Presenting Your Research
Amanda MacDonald and Anne Brown, PhD, of VT Libraries will lead a seminar on best practices in poster and oral presentation of research.
Wednesday, July 24, 4:00-5:00pm
Fralin Hall Auditorium
7/31/19 – Optional Presentation Practice Session

Summer peer mentors will be available to help you practice and fine tune your presentations.

Wednesday, July 31, 4:00-5:00pm

Goodwin Hall, Room 241