The Professional Development Program (PDP) answers the need to broaden graduate education as expressed in many recent academic articles. For example, The Commission on Pathways Through Graduate School (http://pathwaysreport.org/) noted in their final report that more than one-half of all doctoral degree holders in science, engineering or health fields work outside the academy. And while employers believe these graduates bring value, recent graduates lack skills and knowledge in areas like working on teams, entrepreneurship, communication, and project management.

The Professional Development Program is designed to address these needs. The program currently offers a series of twenty, 7-week courses in topics such as writing business plans, managing people, writing winning proposals and improving presentations. Courses are open to all full time graduate students (masters, PhD and postdoctoral fellows) at Johns Hopkins. A small and growing number of masters degree programs in the Whiting school (only) accept a limited number of these courses as elective credits. Speak with your degree advisor to learn more.

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