

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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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 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, they cite that many graduates seem to 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, 8-week courses in topics such as writing grant and contract proposals, managing people, leading teams, and improving presentations. Courses are open to all full time graduate students (masters, PhD and postdoctoral fellows) at Johns Hopkins. These courses must be taken for a letter grade. A small and growing number of master's degree programs in the Whiting school (only) accept a limited number of these courses as elective credits. Students should speak with their degree advisor to learn more.

For more information, including a current class schedule and a list of all modules, visit: <https://engineering.jhu.edu/cle/academics/graduate-studies/cle-professional-development-program/>