



# Professional Development Programs for Biologists

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**BioScience Talks Podcast:** A monthly program featuring in-depth discussions of recently published *BioScience* articles, as well as conversations with thought leaders talking about issues at the intersection of science and society.

**Careers in Biology Webinars:** A series exploring the diverse array of employment opportunities available to biologists.

**Leadership in Biology Webinars:** An initiative that provides current and future scientists, as well as policymakers, science enthusiasts, and the news media, with an opportunity to engage with experts on timely topics influencing science or the application of science to solve significant problems. Recent programs explored issues related to data sharing, the potential for new genetic technologies to inform responses to zoonotic diseases, challenges to the modern peer review system, and social and economic issues facing professional societies.

**Communications Boot Camp for Scientists:** An intensive two-day training course that provides scientists, from graduate students to senior researchers and program administrators, with practical, hands-on training in science communications with a focus on engaging the news media and decision-makers (including policymakers). Participants leave with the confidence, knowledge, and tools needed to translate their science in an impactful way.

**Writing for Impact and Influence:** A development program designed to help biologists, including graduate students, hone their written communication skills to increase the power of their message. The course combines practical instruction and hands-on exercises to improve participants' general writing proficiency, with a specific focus on the skills needed to write for stakeholders, decision-makers, and the general public.

**Enabling Interdisciplinary and Team Science:** An interactive course that provides scientists with the collaboration and teamwork skills they need to become productive and effective members of scientific teams.

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