

Graduate Student Workshop Series 2, Session 3

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University of Ottawa

List of Participants

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Facilitator	Institution
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***Results Dissemination (Conferences and Publication):  
Constructing a Research Plan for the Next 5 Years***

The goal of this workshop was to prepare graduate students for the next phase of their academic and professional lives. It was held at the University of Ottawa and facilitated by Pamela Dickey Young (Queen's University). As the final workshop in the series, the workshop brought together an already engaged cohort of participants, furthering their mentorship and training through the workshop series.

After providing the group with a brief update of their research, student participants were asked to prepare a 5 year research plan. In advance of the workshop students were asked to consider the next 5 years of their academic trajectory, including new projects and dissemination strategies and to present that 5 year plan as if in an academic interview. Professor Young then discussed how to choose the best dissemination venues, offered tips for publication and conference presentations, offering advice and guidance specific to their own research areas.

Students were also asked to bring their current CV so that it could be workshopped. Based on previous feedback from the workshop reports, Professor Young added an individual consultation timeslot for each student participant to discuss their specific projects, questions related to their work, etc. Professor Young also answered questions about interviewing for academic positions, mentorship and steps to move toward new projects.

Student feedback from the workshop was extremely positive; in particular students felt the individual consultations offered them tailored guidance and opportunity to discuss issues specific to their research and potential future careers. Students appreciated the chance to improve the appearance and content of their CVs. Students were happy with the organization and level of communication about the workshop in advance of the event and remarked on Professor Young's openness as creating a comfortable and inviting environment for their questions and concerns. They appreciated the opportunity for an informal group dinner and only remarked that it would be helpful for the next series if all session dates were planned at the outset of the series (to facilitate their own planning).

Thank you to all workshop facilitators throughout the series and to our graduate student participants; our second series has been a terrific success and we continue to benefit from student and facilitator engagement and feedback.