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**Off the Beaten Path: A Journey to a Career Beyond the Laboratory**

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This presentation will provide insights on how a scientific graduate degree can lead to opportunities that combine scientific expertise with diverse interests such as business, international affairs, and science policy. The speaker will talk about potential challenges for PhD scientists working outside of a traditional research environment and the professional skills that help ensure success in careers beyond the laboratory.

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