Hello DSAS Graduate Students!

With support from the Whittington Leadership and Innovation Challenge 2022 grant, our team is leading a series of informal zoom discussions with PhD alumni from various departments and universities who were once grad students just like us and who took diverse career pathways post-PhD in academia, government, industry, or non-profit/social impact sectors and are currently successfully leading it. We've named this talk series "PhDuh - What's Next?".

We believe that the informal nature of these discussions will encourage you to ask questions openly (or have us ask questions on your behalf) as you seek career guidance, learn some tips and tricks speakers wished they knew during their graduate career, and focus on the skills needed to be successful in your field. These talks will not only inform you about some of the numerous possibilities that exist post-graduation, but also provide examples of successful career journeys of PhDs in not just academia, but outside it as well.

We got an amazing response for our first Arts session and we are now all set now for our first Sciences session! Here are some details -

**PhDuh - What's Next? Session - 2 (Physics and Astronomy)**

Date : Feb 4th 2022 (Friday)  
Time : 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST / 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm UK time

Speaker 1 - Dr. Adam Patch (Data/Computer Scientist)  
Speaker 2 - Dr. Pietro Parisi (Agile Business Analyst)

Zoom link - [https://pitt.zoom.us/my/phduh.whats.next](https://pitt.zoom.us/my/phduh.whats.next)

More info in the flyer attached.

If you have schedule conflicts, please feel free to let us know, we do have a possibility of recording this talk with speakers’ consent, but we highly encourage to attend the session live / RSVP and submit questions via registration.

We also encourage people from various disciplines to attend this session (even if the speakers’ PhD field is not exactly yours) as these discussions have insights that are broadly applicable to all the PhDs and have some pieces of information that one can learn only from experiences!

Here's the link to the RSVP google form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qPqyLq2-KQK04yIxgrDLgZJfD4jz1pBXHz8bhSTEtwk/viewform?edit_requested=true&fbzx=-257880571181299209](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qPqyLq2-KQK04yIxgrDLgZJfD4jz1pBXHz8bhSTEtwk/viewform?edit_requested=true&fbzx=-257880571181299209)

And here's a link to the "PhDuh" Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075786504423](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075786504423)

We are super excited for our this first sciences talk! We hope you find these talks helpful as you think about life during and after your PhD!
Looking forward to see you all on Feb 04th!

Best,

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PhDuh - What's Next? Informal Talk Series

Grab this chance to interact with alumni pursuing diverse career pathways in academia and industry and take their valuable career guidance to be better prepared for post-PhD professional path!

Want to know what alumni are doing post PhD? Join us!!

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Join our fun informal zoom discussion with Dr. Adam Patch as he talks about his career transitioning from physics to data science and vivid experiences as a Post-Doc researcher and an Insight Data Fellow!

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Speaker - 2
Dr. Pietro Parisi

Agile Business Analyst at Cognizant

PhD Astrophysics
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Join our fun informal zoom discussion with Dr. Pietro Parisi as he talks about his career journey as a research scientist, as a data analyst, as a Product Manager and currently as an Agile Business analyst at a worldwide IT consultancy company!

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