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Dr. Aubrey Leukart is the Manager of Career and Professional Development at Weill Cornell. Dr. Leukart has a PhD in Counseling Psychology and was previously part of Graduate Student Career Development at New York University. She offers both regular and one-off events focused on skill building for career development. Every other week, Dr. Leukart offers a workshop based on a basic career search, such as expectations for an overall job search, interviewing, networking, and strong written documents. Beyond this, regular special programs have included a business etiquette dinner, a postdoc panel, a visit from the Science Alliance for a networking practice event including mock networking scenarios, and an Identity Factors in the Job Search Panel as part of the annual Diversity Week initiative. Dr. Leukart is also involved in employer relations, scheduling recruitment opportunities and employer visits, and is engaged in planning Tri-I events with her counterparts at these institutions.

Further, current students and alumni have access to unlimited in-person, skype, and phone career coaching appointments with Dr. Leukart, which they may utilize to develop individual job search skills, including everything from gaining clarity on their future career path through successful salary negotiation. Beyond scheduled appointments, Dr. Leukart offers twice-weekly office hours where students can come without an appointment to ask quick and last-minute questions.

Tri-Institutional (Tri-I) Career Symposium is a day-long event organized every April by the Career and Professional Development and Postdoctoral Offices of WCM, SKI, and the Rockefeller University. The program features a range of career paths available to PhDs in the biomedical sciences, including a keynote speaker and four to five sessions focused on skill building and securing jobs in various relevant industries. The event concludes with a networking reception that features 30+ scientific professionals including Tri-I alumni, representatives from pharmaceutical companies, non-profit entities, biotech and pharma, consulting, finance and business, communications, and research program management.

Alumni Career Talks (ACT) is a very popular event at WCM, organized by The Office of Alumni Relations. This is a monthly event where alums from a wide range of biomedical careers speak about their fields, their career paths, work-life balance in their chosen area and discuss employment opportunities at their institution if available. Examples of speakers from past events are: Kate Rochlin, PhD 2014 (Filament Biosolutions and Immunovent: **biotechnology startup**); Kate Gao, PhD 2015 (Nature Communications, **publishing**); Rachel Rempel and Bruce Sullenger, PhD 1991 (Duke University: **academic track**) Sam Globus, PhD 2013 (Scientific Operations at Celmatix, **biotech**); Michael Kauffmann, PhD 2016 (Senior Consultant at PwC, **consultancy**)

Lunch with invited speakers for PBSB and Tri-I Structural Biology seminar series will provide an opportunity to trainees to interact with speakers, enabling networking and exposure to career opportunities

Seminars by Student Diversity Office (<https://diversity.weill.cornell.edu/>). These range from workshops to discussions of professional challenges encountered by minorities to networking events. Examples of recent events include a Leadership Training workshop and the Annual Diversity Lecture followed by a networking breakfast event (this year's speaker Caprice Greenberg, MD, PhD: "Sticky floors and glass ceilings").