

Nana Lee's Abstract for SNU 2019

"Best Practices in Becoming an International Scientist"

The curriculum-embedded graduate professional development (GPD) [course](#) which empowers trainees with enhanced research productivity and career development was founded in 2012 in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Toronto. It has been highlighted as a best practice in [Council of Graduate Schools/NSF \(2017\)](#), [Conference Board of Canada \(2015\)](#) and [Science Careers \(2013\)](#). Since then, the Departments of Immunology, Ecology, Physiology, Pharmacology-Toxicology, Molecular Genetics and Institute of Medical Science have all adapted the GPD course tailored towards their PhD, MSc and Professional Master's students. The three elements of GPD include 1) reflection using [Science Careers Individual Development Plan \(IDP\)](#), 2) meaningful engagement using elements of design thinking and 3) strategic communications with networking, informational interviews, presentations, and tailored job applications. During this seminar, Dr. Nana Lee will discuss elements of her program tailored towards topics relevant to the SNU graduate student or postdoc in best navigating the international scientific conference, collaborations and potential career opportunities.