

## PDA CareerTracker Program Summary

The Professional Development Accelerator (PDA) is a flexible program designed to help prepare you for success in your internships, careers, and post graduate plans. Hosted on the CareerTracker platform on DartBoard, the program is designed to be completed in two years.

To sign up, complete our “What Color is Your Path?” exercise: <http://tinyurl.com/dartmouthctpda>

### Overview

- *Year 1* focuses on mastering building blocks essential to career success, including assessing your skills and interests, learning how to explore occupations and industries that interest you, and participating in a guided process to build out your Dartmouth resume and online personal brand.
- *Year 2* builds on this platform with an emphasis on communication skills, tools for research and strategies for connecting with Dartmouth alumni and other established professionals for networking, advice, and internships to presenting yourself in workplace interviews.

### Benefits

1. Step-by-step support and a guided process with easy-to-follow milestones designed to prepare you for each stage of your professional development path—all of which you can track inside DartBoard using the CareerTracker Program.
2. Access to special events and programs, including priority registration for events with limited space available.

### Program Requirements

*As a participant, you will be presented with suggested activities to accomplish each term.* All activities are aligned with our ERA model – we encourage you to explore, reflect and articulate your interests, skills and experience in and out of the classroom.

*You are strongly encouraged to complete the recommended activity during the term in which it is assigned.* Each activity is timed to help you ensure that you are well prepared for professional opportunities on and off-campus, including making Dartmouth connections ‘round the girdled earth.

The PDA offers flexible options if you are unable or do not wish to complete the activity as assigned. You can remain in good standing by participating in one CPD event during the term – including attending CPD workshops, panel programs, employer/graduate school fairs and employer information sessions. Meeting with a CPD advisor for an appointment or a Peer Ambassador for a Drop-In also counts for participation. (Appointments can be scheduled via phone or Skype if you are off campus.)

We hope you’ll join us! Want more information? Blitz the [cpd@dartmouth.edu](mailto:cpd@dartmouth.edu) and we’ll be happy to tell you more.