Grad and PostDoc Career Week Keynote for Students

Topic: Strategic Career Development for Graduate Students and PostDocs

Presenter: Cathy Keates, Director Career Services

Session Objectives:

- increase awareness of existing resources
- communicate value of a Queen’s graduate degree
- encourage a holistic approach to career development
- identify next steps for students who want to maximize their career development during their degree

Whether you are interested in an academic or non-academic career path (or don’t know yet), attend this session to learn how to strategically build towards your future. Explore strategies for how to maximize your time during your degree, and use resources and tools while here. Thinking about your career after graduation can feel both exciting and daunting – you will leave this session with your own action plan of concrete (and do-able) next steps.

Biography of Cathy Keates:

With 20 years experience in university student career support, Cathy Keates is the Director of Career Services and Experiential Learning at Queen’s, which a 2017 research study ranked as the second most impressive model of postsecondary career services in Canada. Her portfolio includes leading and delivering services and resources for student career development and experiential learning, such as the Queen’s University Internship Program and the Experiential Learning Hub, a resource to support cross-institutional EL growth. Two recent projects, the Major Maps and It All Adds Up, a career health campaign with 43 career centres across Canada participating, were recognized with Innovation Awards from the Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers.