



2025 Professional Development Conference

**Wednesday,
March 19th**

**Tinkham Veale University Center
Kelvin & Eleanor Smith Foundation Grand Ballrooms A, B, C**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
9:00-9:30am	Check-In and Coffee	
9:30-9:50am	Welcome and Introduction	
9:50-10:50am	Keynote Address	Shereen Naser, PhD <i>Assoc. Professor, Cleveland State University</i>
11:00-12:00pm (Concurrent)	<u>Session 1A:</u> Conducting Research with a Purpose	Eric Schearer, PhD <i>Staff Scientist, The MetroHealth System</i>
	<u>Session 1B:</u> Becoming Faculty in Academia Panel	Prahaba Sikder, PhD <i>Asst. Professor, Cleveland State University</i> Akhil Mohan, PhD <i>Research Associate, Cleveland Clinic</i> Ana Hernandez-Reynoso, PhD <i>Asst. Professor, Case Western Reserve University</i>
	<u>Session 1C:</u> From Research To The Interview: The Skill of Articulating Your Research Thesis and Building Career Readiness	John Nelson-Hronek, MEd <i>Career Specialist/Instructor, Cleveland State University</i>
12:00-1:10pm	Break	
1:20-2:20pm (Concurrent)	<u>Session 2A:</u> Crafting Your Personal Brand as a Biomedical Researcher	Rowan Barker-Clarke, PhD <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Cleveland Clinic</i>
	<u>Session 2B:</u> Strategic Moves for Postdocs to Propel Their Careers	Akhil Mohan, PhD <i>Research Associate, Cleveland Clinic</i> Sepideh Khazie, MD <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Cleveland Clinic</i>
2:30-3:30pm (Concurrent)	<u>Session 3A:</u> Academic Pursuit and Clinical Practice	Rohit Moudgil, MD, PhD, FRCPC, FACC <i>Asst. Professor, Cleveland Clinic Lerner School of Medicine and CWRU</i>
	<u>Session 3B:</u> Women in Academia and Industry Panel	Elise Baron, PhD <i>Director of Research, Augment Therapy</i> Diana Zajac, PhD <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Cleveland Clinic</i> Camila Caetano, PhD <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Cleveland Clinic</i>
3:40-4:40pm (Concurrent)	<u>Session 4A:</u> Crafting Your Personal Brand as a Biomedical Researcher	Rowan Barker-Clarke, PhD <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Cleveland Clinic</i>
	<u>Session 4B:</u> Becoming a Postdoc in an Academic Role Panel	Diana Zajac, PhD <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Cleveland Clinic</i> Camila Caetano, PhD <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Cleveland Clinic</i> Alejandro Neito Ramos, PhD <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Cleveland Clinic</i>