ARD 6th Annual Meeting, Tentative Agenda –

October 22, 2019 | NIC Conference Center | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

For the most up-to-date information on this meeting, please visit go.unl.edu/ard-annual-meeting

8:00am  Registration begins, coffee and continental breakfast provided
Banquet Hall, 2nd Floor

9:00am  Program begins
Auditorium, 2nd Floor

- **Panel Conversations, Session 1 - ‘Looking Behind the Curtains – What is it like to work in ___?’**
  - Faculty have first-hand experience with an academic career. But – what if graduate students and postdocs are interested in exploring different career paths? In this session we will help faculty and students look behind the curtain into the careers of our panelists to better understand navigation of different career paths. Panelists have a wide range of perspectives, including startup/small to large companies, NGOs, government agencies, and those with experience in both industry and academia.

- **Panel Conversations, Session 2 – ‘Experiences in Building & Navigating Varied Career Path Strategies’**
  - The modern-day career path that our students will encounter may more closely resemble a jungle gym than a traditional career ladder – the potential exists for jumping from one place to another, changing direction altogether, and always being on the lookout for the right/best pathway to take. This panel is comprised of individuals that have experience in diverse careers, at times pivoting between different sectors. We will discuss how to develop professionally in order to navigate and compete along diverse career paths.

- **Breakout Groups**
  - Breakout groups will have an opportunity to network and get to know each other before the group discussion begins. Groups will dive deeper into the conversations started in the Panel Conversations through guided discussion.

- **Grad Student/Postdoc Led Poster Session**
  - Graduate students and postdocs are encouraged to bring a recent poster to share during our poster session. Poster boards are 46” wide and 65” tall. Poster space is limited, so please sign up if you plan to bring a poster. Visit go.unl.edu/ard-annual-meeting to sign up.

4:00pm  Meeting Adjourns

Take Note -

**Handbook** – We hope this event will encourage continued discussions about professional development. In order to help facilitate dialogue between advisors and grad students/postdocs, we will provide a handbook to all attendees with resources and conversation topics. Handbooks will also be available on the ARD website.

**Professional Development Series** – This event is part of a series of professional development workshops being held throughout the year. Keep your ears to the ground for future event announcements.