



# REACHING THE PEAK:

## A SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EARLY CAREER SUMMIT

**JUNE 2024**

### Event Overview

The future of public and private sector-funded R&D hinges on developing a robust and diverse pipeline of talented early-career scientists, researchers, and engineers who can drive innovation and positive societal change. The objective of the Early Career Researcher Summit is to bring together a diverse group of early career researchers from across the medical, health, and science arenas to:

1. Gain insights into the range of careers available to them;
2. Empower them to secure and thrive in the career path they choose
3. Provide communications tools they can use for advocacy and other forms of civic engagement; and
4. Network across the R&D ecosystem.

The Summit will be held over the course of four days in June to maximize opportunities for you to join our thought-provoking sessions. Throughout these events, you will have the opportunity to explore an array of career paths, network with fellow researchers and career professionals, participate in professional development workshops, and engage in meaningful discussions around issues critical to the success of the R&D ecosystem. We will feature open networking time at the end of each session. See below for the full schedule of events and descriptions. If you have any questions, please contact Jasmine George, PhD at [jgeorge@researchamerica.org](mailto:jgeorge@researchamerica.org).

## **SESSION 1: CAREER TOUR – STEM CAREER PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

**June 5th, 2024, 12:00 - 3:00 pm**

Early career researchers can choose from a wide array of careers that employ science and health expertise. But what do these career options look like? Two panels of current career professionals will discuss their career choices and describe their current positions. Participants will then move to breakout rooms for more in-depth discussions with speakers.

## **SESSION 2: CRAFTING A WINNING RESUME**

**June 12th, 2024, 12:00 - 1:30 pm**

How do you communicate your value to an employer in a highly competitive job environment? What does the employment search look like in non-traditional settings, including from a federal perspective? Hear from Dr. Josh Henkin, who will share tips on best practices for federal resumes, navigating usajobs.gov, and how to craft a resume that demonstrates your scientific qualifications and experience while telling a story.

## **SESSION 3: SCIENCE POLICY AND ADVOCACY; A PRIMER**

**June 18th, 2024 and 12:30 - 1:45 pm**

As the 2024 elections approach, what better time to dive into the ins and outs of science policy and advocacy? This webinar style session will provide attendees with the opportunity to hear from science advocate, Erin Darbouze, Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy at Research!America. Erin will discuss what science policy and advocacy is, best practices for student and early career advocacy, and why voter education is a critical component of advocating for effective science policy.

## **SESSION 4: THE CREATIVE ART OF SCIENCE COMMUNICATION**

**June 26th, 2024, 12:00 - 1:15 pm**

The art of communicating science comes in many forms. This panel discussion convenes a variety of representatives who have pursued different creative avenues for science communication. From science comedy and theatre to science visual artists and social media influencing, our panelists will provide a look into the minds of creatives who transform science, technology, and health into art and performance creativity.

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