## Career Readiness Wheel

Your career journey is ongoing, and this wheel serves as a reference throughout your graduate degree and postdoctoral research. Use this wheel to stay proactive, thoughtful, and strategic as you plan your next steps in career exploration and preparation.

Awareness

Take career assessments to discover your strengths, interests, and career values

Take the Professional Development Competencies Assessment

Use the Individualized Professional Development Plan to guide your next career step

Join graduate student organizations and professional associations connected to your field

Build relationships with NC State career services professionals, faculty, and advisors to explore career paths

Attend career fairs and networking opportunities

Build your profile in ePACK

Explore the Professional Development Team's Moodle page to develop a career strategy

Set up informational interviews with NC State alumni and personal contacts to seek career advice and insight regarding job roles

Gain experience through graduate assistantships, internships, skills-based training, and volunteer experiences to discover your interests and work values

Continue attending career fairs and networking opportunities

Utilize your growing professional network to identify full-time job opportunities and notify your network that you are transitioning into your next role

> Tailor your application materials for each job that you apply to (i.e. professional portfolio)

Practice mock interviews with NC State career services professionals

Admisition Utilize the Wolfpack Styled Professional Clothing Closet to prepare for interviews and full-time role

Continue attending career fairs and networking opportunities

Pursue experiences to develop your career-ready skills (talk to your supervisor on areas that you would like to grow in your technical and soft skills)

Update your resume and tailor your documents based on your career path (i.e. academic vs. non-academic)

Present and publish research (if applicable to your field and career goals)

Experience Evaluate further education (i.e. certifications, courses, etc.) to meet your goals

Continue attending career fairs and networking opportunities

Exploration

\*Adapted from the LSU Olinde Career Center