
NRSC 7102 Alternative Careers to Academia (1cr)

Detailed Schedule, Fall 2025

Instructor: Linda Watkins, PhD Office hours by appointment

Course meeting: Mondays 5:05 - 6:20 pm, CASE E240

This course features weekly guest speakers, with degrees ranging from bachelor's through postdoctoral training prior to leaving academia. Join us to explore their careers and advice as you start your careers.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Molly Nickerson, PhD (Medical Director, SpringWorks Therapeutics, Boulder, CO)
- Brooke Harrison, PhD (Vice President, Medical Writing at Edgewise Therapeutics, Boulder CO).
- Teisha Rowland, PhD (Staff Fellow, Office of Gene Therapy, Office of Therapeutic Products, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, FDA).
- Andrew Padilla (Global Analytical Training Specialist, KBI Biopharma, Westminster)
- Amanda Ellis, PhD (Scientific Program Lead at Eurofins Beacon Discovery, San Diego).
- David Cohen (Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer at TechStars, Boulder and international).
- Jana Watson-Capps, PhD (founder of Jana Watson-Capps and Associates, LLC, a consulting firm for academia and biosciences),
- Joel Stanley (Chief Executive Officer, AJNA BioSciences, Denver, CO)
- Amy Tindell, PhD, JD (Intellectual Property law, Partner at Holland and Hart law firm, Boulder, CO)
- Michael Mestek, PhD (Global Head of Clinical Research & Medical Science for Acute Care and Patient Monitoring, Medtronic, Boulder, CO)
- Lisa Marshall, MA (Associate Director Science Storytelling, and Adjunct Journalism Instructor CU-Boulder)
- Eric Furfine (Entrepreneur, CEO and CSO of Mosiac Biosciences. Boulder CO)