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## *Discovering New Possibilities for a Rewarding and Resilient Career in Science*

The Career Development Committee is pleased to announce an upcoming Career Development Session at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, January 12-15, 2026 focused on empowering early career scientists to thrive amid today's evolving research funding landscape. As federal support for science faces increasing uncertainty, this session will highlight practical strategies and alternative pathways to help researchers move forward with confidence.

Bringing together perspectives from **industry**, **academia**, and charitable foundations such as the **Wellcome Trust** and the **Brain & Behavior Research Fund (BBRF)**, this session will feature experienced leaders who will share insights, resources, and real-world examples. Speakers will validate the concerns many scientists feel while offering constructive guidance on how to adapt, seek new opportunities, and explore alternate funding pathways beyond traditional federal funding sources.

Whether you are early in your career or at a crossroads, this session will be designed to provide clarity, inspire, resilience and equip attendees with tools to shape sustainable and impactful careers in science. This will be a great opportunity to gain insight, find direction, and uncover new opportunities for advancing your research career-within and beyond traditional funding paths.