PhD-MBA: What should PhDs consider when it comes to the MBA?

A panel session featuring biomedical PhDs in various career tracks will discuss their motivations for earning an MBA, skills acquired from the MBA, and how their dual degree serves them in their current careers.

**Featured Panelists**

| Ashley Trama, PhD, MBA | Featured at **Senior Director of Technical Operations and Shared Services, Locus Biosciences**
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| **Dr. Ashley Trama**   | Dr. Trama earned her MBA at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business with a certificate in Health Sector Management and her PhD at Duke University's Graduate School in Immunology. After completion of her MBA, she joined Locus Biosciences as an Associate Director of Program Management and recently transitioned to her current role. Dr. Trama conducted her graduate research at the Duke Human Vaccine Institute where she evaluated the ontogeny of mucosal and systemic antibody responses to HIV-1 infection. After completing her PhD and prior to joining Locus, she transitioned into a Program Management role at Duke where she managed a protein expression laboratory and supported the financial management of grants and contracts. |

| Paolo Mangahas, PhD, MBA | Featured at **Director, Education & Training, MD Anderson Cancer Center**
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| **Dr. Paolo Mangahas**   | Dr. Mangahas earned his PhD from Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, Texas), where he identified new components of the machinery that clears apoptotic cells through phagocytosis. He received a Science to Business Fellowship from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to pursue an MBA from the University of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada). Dr. Mangahas has worked at four different academic medical centers in a variety of different roles: managing large-scale research projects, grant development, full-cycle grant administration, financial and clinical reporting, departmental operations, and human resources. In 2019, Dr. Mangahas became a Director in the Division of Education & Training at MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he is responsible for developing metrics, coordinating research education and training activities across the institution, and overseeing the Office for Postdoctoral Fellows. |

| Albert J. Hunt, Jr., PhD, MBA | Featured at **Chief Executive Officer and Scientific Advisor, Advanced Organic Synthesis, LLC**
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| **Dr. Albert J. Hunt, Jr.**  | Dr. Hunt, Jr. received his Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry/Biophysical Sciences from the University of Houston in 2011. Subsequently, he developed an interest in organic synthesis and entered the industry at a small chemical company where Dr. Anis Ashraf trained him. After completing his training, Dr. Hunt, Jr., began his studies to earn his doctorate in Biomedical Sciences, neuroscience, from The University of Texas MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Hunt, Jr. joined Advanced Organic Synthesis, LLC, in 2016. He successfully defended his dissertation surrounding the stress networks' and HPA-axis' interaction with movement in anxiety-related behavior in 2017. Dr. Hunt, Jr. began a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at McGovern Medical School in Houston, TX, and spent two years learning electrophysiology, where he studied the retina, specifically rod bipolar cells. Concurrently, Dr. Hunt, Jr. earned his MBA in Global Supply Chain Management from Arkansas State University. Dr. Hunt, Jr. is devoted to discovery, improvement, and the quest for knowledge. His diverse education and unique set of skills have created an innovative environment to achieve his vision that Advanced Organic Synthesis, LLC, becomes a top leader in the Biotechnology and Biomedical Industries. |

| Jon Lyons, PhD, MBA | Featured at **Field Director of MSLs - West US, Incyte**
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| **Dr. Jon Lyons**   | Dr. Lyons is a Field Director of MSLs at Incyte, supporting the Inflammation and Autoimmunity division with a focus on medical dermatology. Jon earned his doctorate from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in 2006 with guidance from lifetime mentor and friend Dr. Pierre McCrea. In 2014, Jon earned a MBA in biomedical management from the University of Memphis through a corporate-sponsored program with Smith & Nephew. Since then, Jon has held roles of increasing responsibilities in both clinical and medical affairs in the therapeutic areas of oncology, device orthopedics, and medical dermatology. In these roles, Jon has been committed to supporting HCPs to provide life-changing therapies for patients through medical education and clinical research. |