



# **Individual Development Plan**

for Cassiel Padilla

#### **Personal Information**

Title:

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# **Career Plans Summary**

Plan A

Long Term Goal: Research-related career

Short Term Goal: not specified

Plan B

Long Term Goal: Toxicology/Air or water quality

Short Term Goal: not specified

# **SMART Goal Summary**

Note: only goals within last 12 months and up 12 months in the future are shown.

# **Self Assessment Summary**

# **Strong Skills**

- · Broad based knowledge of science
- Basic writing and editing

#### Weak Skills

- · Seeking advice from advisors and mentors
- · How to maintain a professional network

## **Top Interests**



- · Performing experiments
- Analyzing experimental results
- · Representing data in figures/illustrations
- · Learning about other fields
- Using quantitative methods in understanding science (e.g., statistics, mathematical modeling)

#### **Activities To Avoid**

· Planning or organizing events

## **Top Values**

- · Intellectual Challenge: perform work that is intellectually stimulating
- Benefits Available: have health, retirement, tuition reimbursements, etc.
- · Location: live in a place which is conducive to my lifestyle
- Work/Life Balance: balance time spent at work and time spent doing other activities
- Exercise Competence: take advantage of my strongest talents and skills on a regular basis
- Learn New Things: be challenged to learn new skills or knowledge on a regular basis
- High Demand: develop a desirable knowledge base or skill set to facilitate finding my next job



# **Self Assessment Summary Tables**

# **Skills Summary**

1	2	3	4	5
Highly deficient				Highly proficient
Seeking advice from advisors and mentors     How to maintain a professional network	Developing/managing budgets	<ul> <li>Experimental design</li> <li>Creativity/innovative thinking</li> <li>Navigating the peer review process</li> <li>Teaching in a classroom setting</li> <li>Training and mentoring individuals</li> <li>Negotiating difficult conversations</li> <li>Contributing to discipline (e.g. member of professional society)</li> <li>Contributing to institution (e.g. participate on committees)</li> <li>Planning and organizing projects</li> <li>Delegating responsibilities</li> <li>Leading and motivating others</li> <li>Creating vision and goals</li> <li>Serving as a role model</li> <li>How to identify career options</li> <li>How to prepare application materials</li> <li>How to interview</li> <li>How to negotiate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Critical evaluation of scientific literature</li> <li>Statistical analysis</li> <li>Interpretation of data</li> <li>Writing scientific publications</li> <li>Writing grant proposals</li> <li>Writing for nonscientists</li> <li>Speaking clearly and effectively</li> <li>Presenting research to scientists</li> <li>Presenting to nonscientists</li> <li>Demonstrating workplace etiquette</li> <li>Complying with rules and regulations</li> <li>Upholding commitments and meeting deadlines</li> <li>Maintaining positive relationships with colleagues</li> <li>Providing instruction and guidance</li> <li>Providing constructive feedback</li> <li>Dealing with conflict</li> <li>Time management</li> <li>Managing data and resources</li> <li>Careful recordkeeping practices</li> <li>Understanding of data</li> </ul>	Broad based knowledge of science     Basic writing and editing



ownership/sharing
issues
Demonstrating
responsible
authorship and publication
practices
Demonstrating
responsible conduct in human research
Demonstrating     responsible conduct
responsible conduct in animal research
Can identify and address research
misconduct
Can identify and
manage conflict of
interest
Deep knowledge of
my specific
research area
Technical skills
related to my
specific research
area



# **Interests Summary**

1	2	3	4	5
I would like to never do this in my career				I would like to do this often in my career
Planning or organizing events	<ul> <li>Attending conferences or scientific meetings</li> <li>Developing collaborations</li> <li>Negotiating agreements</li> <li>Analyzing financial data or budgets</li> <li>Serving on committees</li> <li>Networking with others</li> <li>Organizing things, creating systems in the workplace</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Writing grant proposals</li> <li>Discussing science with others</li> <li>Building new devices or developing/refining techniques</li> <li>Performing research with human subjects</li> <li>Developing curricula</li> <li>Writing about science to nonscientists</li> <li>Speaking about science to nonscientists</li> <li>Mentoring or teaching one-onone</li> <li>Assessing business trends and strategies, entrepreneurial ideas</li> <li>Leading or supervising others</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Designing experiments</li> <li>Planning new scientific projects or developing new research directions</li> <li>Writing scientific manuscripts</li> <li>Writing project reports or other business-related correspondence</li> <li>Writing position papers or policy papers</li> <li>Creating presentations</li> <li>Giving presentations about science</li> <li>Reading papers in your field</li> <li>Thinking about science</li> <li>Keeping up with current events in science</li> <li>Learning how to use new equipment or techniques</li> <li>Using qualitative methods in understanding science (e.g., focus groups, in-depth interviews, field observations)</li> <li>Performing research with animal subjects</li> <li>Teaching in a classroom setting</li> <li>Working in a team</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Performing experiments</li> <li>Analyzing experimental results</li> <li>Representing data in figures/illustrations</li> <li>Learning about other fields</li> <li>Using quantitative methods in understanding science (e.g., statistics, mathematical modeling)</li> </ul>



Work-related travel



# **Values Summary**

1	2	3	4	5
Unimportant				Essential
	<ul> <li>People Contact: have day-to-day contact with clients or colleagues</li> <li>Competition: engage in activities that test my abilities/achievements against others' abilities/achievements</li> <li>Not Physically Challenging: have a job that does not require high physical demands</li> <li>Status and Prestige: work in a position or organization which carries respect with my friends, family or colleagues</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Teamwork: work in collaboration with others as part of a team</li> <li>Make Decisions: have authority to decide courses of action, policies, etc.</li> <li>Fast Pace: work in a busy atmosphere with frequent deadlines</li> <li>Supervision: be directly responsible for work done by others</li> <li>Influence People: be in a position to change attitudes or opinions of other people</li> <li>Work Alone: work on projects by myself, with little contact with others</li> <li>Independence: work with little direction from others</li> <li>Work on Frontiers of Knowledge: engage in the pursuit of knowledge or generating new ideas</li> <li>Expert Status: be acknowledged as an expert in a given field</li> <li>Predictability: have job duties that are similar day-to-day</li> <li>Variety: have job duties that change frequently</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Help Society: contribute to betterment of world</li> <li>Help Others: be involved with directly helping individuals or small groups</li> <li>Friendships: Develop close personal relationships with people at work</li> <li>Congenial Atmosphere: work with friendly colleagues</li> <li>Creativity: originate and develop new ideas</li> <li>Aesthetics: appreciate the beauty of things and ideas that I work with</li> <li>Job Security: be assured of keeping my job and salary</li> <li>Earning Potential: have a salary which allows me to purchase essentials as well as some luxuries of life</li> <li>Physically Challenging: have a job that requires high physical demands</li> <li>Flexible Schedule: have some choice over the hours or days that I work</li> <li>Professional Development: have a job with</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intellectual         Challenge: perform         work that is         intellectually         stimulating</li> <li>Benefits Available:         have health,         retirement, tuition         reimbursements,         etc.</li> <li>Location: live in a         place which is         conducive to my         lifestyle</li> <li>Work/Life Balance:         balance time spent         at work and time         spent doing other         activities</li> <li>Exercise         Competence: take         advantage of my         strongest talents         and skills on a         regular basis</li> <li>Learn New Things:         be challenged to         learn new skills or         knowledge on a         regular basis</li> <li>High Demand:         develop a desirable         knowledge base or         skill set to facilitate         finding my next job</li> </ul>



Recognition: be recognized or appreciated for quality of my work duties the involve trying things, despite chance that negative outco could result  Job Tranquility work in a low pressure environment	growth or promotions  • Family Friendly: have a job with policies supportive of families, including day care, flexible work schedules, etc.
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## **Career Exploration Summary**

**Career Resources** 

**Events** 

**Networking** 

#### **Career Advancement Goals**

### Seek mentorship

Name: Find professionals in environmental science related careers to connect with

Frequency:

Start date:

End date:

Accountability:

Completed: No

# Attend workshops, site visits, conferences, or events related to my career interests

Name: Apply to at least one conference in the next year

Frequency:

Start date:

End date:

Accountability:

Completed: No

## **Enhance my professional network**

No goals.

## Develop a job search strategy and timeline

Name: Search for environmental science related jobs during the summer

Frequency:

Start date:

End date:

Accountability:



Completed: No

Name: Determine whether I'll take a year off to work or go straight to grad school

Frequency:
Start date:
End date:
Accountability:
Completed: No

# Prepare CV/resume, cover letter, teaching/research statement, etc.

Name: Update CV/resume

Frequency:
Start date:
End date:
Accountability:
Completed: No

## **Skills Development Goals**

#### Seeking advice from advisors and mentors

Name: Get in touch with professors at home university to discuss career/grad school options

Frequency:
Start date:
End date:
Accountability:
Completed: No

## How to maintain a professional network

No goals.

# Statistical analysis

Name: Brush up on R, revise latest updates on statistics packages

Frequency: daily
Start date:
End date:
Accountability:
Completed: No



# **Project Completion Goals**

## **Complete current experiments**

Name: Search for ways to improve upon the experiment's design (pipefish tagging etc.)

Frequency: Start date: End date: Accountability: Completed: No

# **Mentoring Summary**

**Mentor** Role

Dr. Brenda Ramos Advisor (Toxicology/Environmental Chemistry)

Dr. Llinil Torres Advisor (Environmental Science)

Dr. Aida Mendez Advisor (Chemistry)