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Title: 2016 PIMS-Math Job Forum for Postdoctoral Fellows and Graduate Students

Event Type: Other

Location:

ESB 5104

Dates:

18 October 2016

Topic:

Finding employment with a postgraduate degree in Mathematics

Methodology:

Philip Loewen began the forum by giving a 20 minute presentation on strategies to securing employment in a research intensive academic institution, including tailoring your CV, who to ask for letters, and how to perform on interview. This was followed by a 20 minute presentation by Gizem Karaali on how to best find employment at an undergraduate liberal arts college, how it differs from the previous process, and what such a position entails. Nora Franzova then spoke for 10 minutes on applying for and maintaining a position at a two-year teaching college. Finally, Andrew King spoke for 20 minutes on a career at a quantum computing startup, opportunities for internships such as with Mitacs, what is required for such a position and how to obtain it. There then followed a question and answer period in the form of a meet-and-greet the speakers, which was very successful in engaging the participants with their individual questions for each of the presenters. The forum was moderated by Steph van Willigenburg, lasted 90 minutes and provided a light lunch for participants.

Objectives Achieved:

Provided explicit tactics for how to successfully attain a variety of careers to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in Mathematics

Organizers:

van Willigenburg, Stephanie, Mathematics, UBC

Speakers:

Nora Franzova (Chair of Mathematics, Langara)

Gizem Karaali (Associate Professor, Pomona College)

Andrew King (Optimization Algorithms Researcher, D-Wave Systems)

Philip Loewen (Professor and Head, UBC Mathematics Department)

Links:
