Passport to Future Technology Leadership (PFTL) is a program to enhance skills and create opportunities for URM doctoral students interested in industry careers. The goal of the PFTL curriculum is three fold:

1. Career Exploration and exposure to the breadth of high level opportunities in technology/industry

2. Skill building to enhance job seeking technique and increase chances of success on job market.

3. Mentorship and Matching to expand networks, create opportunities and accelerate success in industry careers.

PFTL is collaborating with the new PHutures office, directed by Roshni Rao to implement our curriculum. URM students in STEM doctoral programs are eligible, however preference will be given to students who have completed at least one year in their PhD program. The program will be 24 months in duration. PFTL is designed to complement the doctoral curriculum and should not affect research progress or time to graduation.

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PFTL will be a **multiyear program** in which students develop the skills to succeed in industry in stages throughout their doctoral program, just as they develop research and innovation skills during this period. As they progress through this program, students will:

- Become aware of career directions through meeting professionals, mentors and advisors and **begin to develop a professional network**.
- Develop and practice skills that will allow them to find, interview for and then succeed in industry positions and also create a network for their job search in partnership with two mentors.
  
  Participants will also pursue internships or job shadowing opportunities.
- Find jobs in close partnership with the PHutures office and HireHopkins.

  We also expect that students will check back as their career progresses and ideally will be willing to contribute to as mentors and shadowing following the completion of their Ph.D. and this program and starting employment.

  The program will be organized around a “passport.” At each step in the program, participants will receive “stamps” that reflect their participation in different program aspects. Each year we will have a party to celebrate graduates (along with their job offers) to which we also invite graduates.

**STUDENTS:**

Applications will be accepted throughout the fall. Students in all years of their Ph.D. (including incoming students) who are 18 or more months from expected Ph.D. receipt are encouraged to consider this program. If you are interested in receiving application information and updates to the program, please fill out the form at https://pftl.jhu.edu.

To apply, please fill out our application form on the website.

**FACULTY, STAFF AND FRIENDS OF JOHNS HOPKINS:**

We are building a mentor network and are looking for recommendations on mentors. Please share ideas and other feedback about PFTL here. Thank you for your support!

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