

Young Mass Spectrometrists Interest Group Workshop

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This year, the organizers set out to highlight the multitude of career paths that emerge from graduate research. With this objective in mind, they gathered a panel of five experts, all esteemed members of the Cooks' research group. Their mission was to share valuable insights on career selection, recount significant decisions made during their graduate school journey, and provide helpful advice to aspiring early-career scientists, empowering them to achieve their own goals. The panelists represented diverse professional realms, including private industry, government, instrument vendors, and academic professorship and a current academic post-doctoral scientist.

The workshop drew an impressive crowd of over 200 attendees, who actively participated by posing questions on various topics such as:

- handling challenging relationships,
- key factors to consider when selecting a research lab,
- navigating the job search process,
- the benefits of ASMS for job hunting and networking,
- the value of PhD internships,
- the significance of post-doctoral research,
- and an inquiry into the nature of USA Jobs.

The event proved highly valuable, as evidenced by the substantial attendance and active engagement of the audience. The post-event feedback remained positive, further affirming its success. Looking ahead, Ryan Bain is slated to preside over the 2024 workshop, continuing the tradition of excellence.