



The Dana Career Network in Neuroscience and Society

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years, neuroscience has rapidly expanded, intersecting with various alternative disciplines and forming what we refer to as “NeuroX” fields. However, career guidance in these areas is limited, and pathways to academic engagement are sparse, restricting access to interdisciplinary work and diverse representation. To address this, we created the Dana Foundation Career Network in Neuroscience and Society, a free resource for students in NeuroX fields, and launched our first annual Virtual Career Fair. Here, we present our findings and offer advice for using the Career Network to support students and trainees.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide a central, free resource for students and young professionals interested in pursuing these interdisciplinary careers
- Create a network of practitioners across industry and academia to foster public awareness and interest in NeuroX fields
- Host virtual, easily accessible events featuring relevant panelists to encourage engagement with students and trainees

APPROACHES

- Created and maintain the website neuroxcareers.org, featuring pages on the intersection of neuroscience and fields beyond medicine and natural sciences
- Continually carry out informative interviews with relevant practitioners regarding career navigation
- Coordinate virtual events to generate awareness of NeuroX organizations, companies, and foster collaboration
- Provide a regular newsletter featuring events, jobs and academic opportunities in neuroscience and society or adjacent fields

OUTCOMES

- 2023: First Inaugural Dana Foundation Virtual Career Fair in Neuroscience & Society
 - 4 days, 2 hours each evening
 - 39 panelists
 - 1,795 registrants, 658 attendees
- Neuroxcareers.org Newsletter
 - 3,683 subscribers as of 6/29/24
- In-Person & Virtual Events covering a range of topics including, but not limited to, “JD, PhD, or both? What students need to know to prepare for a career in Neurolaw,” “Neuroscience in Africa and Contemporary Challenges,” “Reimagining an Inclusive Global Neuroethics”
- Career Network YouTube Page
 - 40 uploaded video interviews with interdisciplinary practitioners covering Neuroethics, Neuroanthropology, Neuroeconomics, and more

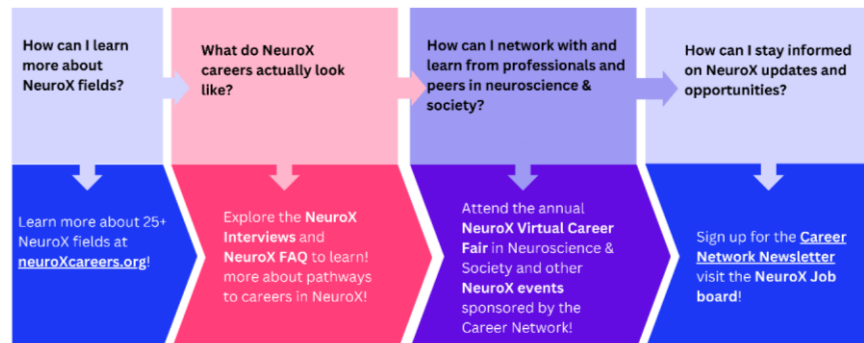
CONCLUSIONS

Though many of the fields in neuroscience and society are still emerging, and those that are more established have limited openings, the momentum is clear. As such, the Dana Foundation Career Network is dedicated to supporting this trend by offering a centralized, comprehensive resource for students and professionals.

Neuroaesthetics	Neuroeconomics	Neuromarketing
Neuroanthropology	Educational neuroscience	Neuromusic
Neuroarchitecture	Neuroethics	Neurophilosophy
Neuroart	Neuroforensics	Neuropolitics
Neurobusiness	Neurohistory	Neuroscience & public health
Neurocinema	Neurohumanities	Neuroscience & public policy
Neurocriminology	Neurolaw	Neurosociology
Neurodesign	Neuroliterature	Neurospirituality



Guide to Pursuing a NeuroX Career



Neuroxcareers.org