

UC San Diego Extension Offers Free Career Opportunity Workshop and Grants

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Because California's jobless rate is now at 8.2 percent, the highest level since 1996 and the third highest in the nation, UC San Diego Extension is offering two new free workshops designed to help unemployed and underemployed San Diegans. In addition, details of the \$100,000 in jobless grants available from UC San Diego Extension will be discussed at the workshops.

A workshop on "Healthcare Career Opportunities, Present and Future" will take place from 6 to 8:00 pm Thursday, Dec. 11 at UC San Diego Extension Mission Valley Center, 404 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 102, San Diego. Leading the seminar is Extension instructor Leslie Bruce, who has 25 years experience working with such organizations as UC San Diego Health Sciences, Sharp HealthCare, and the American Heart Association. Panelists include members from key healthcare industries, including hospitals, outpatient care providers and long-term care services.

A "Technology and Life Sciences Career Opportunities, Present and Future" workshop will take place from 6 to 8 pm Tuesday, Dec. 16 at UC San Diego Extension Sorrento Mesa Center, 6925 Lusk Blvd., San Diego. Leading the session is former biotechnology executive Dr. Hugo Villar, director of life sciences programs at Extension, and Extension instructor Dana Bristol-Smith, president of Speak for Success. In addition, panelists will include Elizabeth Malloy, technology and life sciences reporter for the *San Diego Daily Transcript*; Lisa Hellman Rhodes, senior director of organization development and learning with Gen-Probe; and Ed Hildago, senior director of staffing with Qualcomm.

To sign up for the free workshops, [click here](#).

To help San Diegans in this difficult time, UC San Diego Extension continues to offer \$100,000 in grants to help unemployed San Diegans attend seminars on career changing, networking, resumes, corporate politics, salary negotiation, and mastering the interview. Seminars are taught by a team of career specialists with experience in helping with career search and professional development.

To apply for the career seminar grants, unemployed San Diegans should visit the Web site. Grant recipients will need to provide proof of unemployment status to enroll.

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