

Women In Science Scholars Virtual Networking Session

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April Thompson, PhD, received her psychology undergraduate degree from Meredith College, her masters from Loyola College in Maryland and her doctorate degree which she completed while working full time. She shared her experiences working on a psych ward, managing clinical trials, seeing patients, reviewing data, writing protocols, taking short-term assignments and thinking on a global level. These are all examples of her strong drive to keep learning. It was exciting to hear about her work in Japan, deciding between clinical psychology and clinical development, and moving to the UK. Her passion for her work and making a difference was evident during the discussion. Some key principles included leveraging your network. She credited 90 percent of the positions or roles she has held with networking. Her encouragement to always be curious – be a sponge and soak up as much as you can but be humble – resonated with us. Consistent themes throughout the session were to be confident and keep learning and growing. She shared her love of listening to podcasts and TED Talks and encouraged our group to read the book GRIT by Angela Duckworth.

