

Rutgers iJOBS Phase 2 Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) Phase 2 is now open to Rutgers grad students and postdocs.
- 2) Phase 2 applications require completion of at least 12 hours of Phase 1 activities, a personal statement, resume/CV, unofficial transcript, permission from your PI, and a letter of recommendation from your PI or another faculty member with whom you have a long-standing relationship. Applications are open to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Graduate students must be in good academic standing (GPA > 3.0) and have completed the propositional qualifier to apply.
- 3) If you have not completed your Propositional Qualifying Exam but plan to do so in the Summer or Fall of 2025 then you can indicate the planned date for the exam on your application.
- 4) We have designed the iJOBS program to be as flexible as possible. Therefore, there are very few required components, and a Phase 2 trainee can participate in as many, or as few, events as they would like. If a trainee would like to obtain a certificate of completion for the iJOBS program, the following are required:
 - a) At least 12 hours of participation in Phase 1 activities
 - b) Participation in the SciPhD Leadership and Business Skills for Scientists Workshop
 - c) At least 72hr of shadowing for the year. Timing is flexible (e.g. 2 days/month, a week at a time, or other schedule)
 - d) One 3 credit course in the trainee's chosen career track. This may be Fall or Spring depending on class.
 - e) Individual Development Plan and active participation in mentoring meetings
 - f) As an iJOBS alumni, give back to the program by acting as industrial partners and mentors to future trainees.
- 5) Phase 2 (like Phase 1) is very flexible and we want to work with each individual to tailor it to your needs. The requirements are only if you want to receive an iJOBS certificate at the end. If you just want to do some of the components (ie shadowing or course), that is fine.
- 6) The shadowing can be done on whatever schedule works best for you and we will help you identify a person for shadowing as well as make the initial introduction and arrangements. For the iJOBS certificate, it is 72 hours of shadowing over the course of the academic year. Typically it is about 2 days per month over the course of one semester. If you do not want the iJOBS certificate, then you can do fewer hours.

- 7) The one 3 credit class will be an existing class that is offered by the various schools at Rutgers **but that do not require tuition to be paid.** We will help you pick a class that will be the most appropriate to your interest so you do not need to have chosen a class prior to applying to Phase 2. The class will be either in the Fall or Spring semester of next year.
- 8) Because we will help you find the person you shadow and the class that you take, please just let us know generally what you are interested in in your personal statement of the application so that we get a sense of what you would like to do.
- 9) If you don't want to apply this year for Phase 2, you can apply next year. Phase 1 will continue in the next academic year as well if you just want to continue in that phase.
- 10) Applications will open on April 1, 2025 and close on May 1, 2025. Decisions will be announced on June 2, 2025. An interview may be requested for applicants in May.