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Helping scientists play to their strengths

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It's an exciting time to be in science with an explosion in the development of new technologies and approaches to fundamental questions, especially in biology. At the same time, the path to a rewarding career can be bewildering to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. An individual development plan (IDP) can bring clarity to the process by assisting young scientists think more broadly about their careers and helping them develop specific goals for developing requisite skills for their desired career path. This talk will briefly describe the process for creating an IDP and discuss how institutions can support the process by facilitating training in essential competencies.

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