Career Exposure & Professional Development Seminar Series

Dr. Jason Graci
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"Needles and Haystacks: Careers in Drug Discovery"

Dr. Graci earned his B.S. degree at Penn State (Class of ’99) with a major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Then, he worked for Receptor Biology, Inc. for a year as a Biologist before joining Dr. Craig E. Cameron’s group here at Penn State for his doctoral research, where he studied nucleoside analogs as antiviral lethal mutagens.

In 2007, after obtaining his Ph.D. degree, he joined PTC Therapeutics as a Postdoctoral Scientist, since then he has grown within the company and currently holds the Principle Scientist position. During his employment, PTC Therapeutics has grown from a small privately held company to a rapidly growing NASDAQ-listed company now awaiting pivotal clinical trial data for their lead therapeutic, Ataluren (Translarna™), a treatment for the underlying cause of Duchenne muscular dystrophy caused by a nonsense mutation. Dr. Graci’s experience can provide a unique perspective on the opportunities and challenges of working in a small, pre-commercial pharmaceutical company.

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