



FROM SCIENCE, TO BUSINESS AND BACK AGAIN...TAKING THE SCENIC ROUTE

FEATURING: UCI Graduate Alumna Kate Merton, PhD '08
Head of JLABS @ NYC Johnson & Johnson Innovation

Not all careers are created equal. Kate Merton, Head, Johnson & Johnson Innovation, JLABS @ NYC, attributes her career growth to exercising self-awareness, following her passion and paying it forward. Kate will discuss her roles in leading teams across different parts of the healthcare business, using as a foundation the science of pharmacology. In 'From Science, to Business and back again....taking the scenic route', she will share her varied opportunities to develop a unique leadership style that transcends gender, scientific discipline and job title. Please join Kate as she shares key learnings that have guided her on her journey from scientist to business leader.

Kate Merton is Head of Johnson & Johnson Innovation, JLABS @ NYC. She has more than 15 years of experience working across the healthcare industry starting in R&D before moving onto roles in Marketing, Business Development, External Alliances, Medical Affairs, Health Outcomes and most recently Disruptive Innovation. During her career Kate has been part of teams that have discovered new drugs, worked to develop and gain approval for blockbuster diabetes products and is passionate about being part of the future of healthcare where science intersects with the rapid advancements in health care technology. She received her undergraduate degree in Pharmacology & Toxicology from King's College London, holds a Ph.D. in Pharmacology & Toxicology from UCI Medical School and received her MBA from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.



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