



Management Consulting Introductory Panel

Friday, November 5th at 5-6:15 pm (ET)



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Brendan Bolter

- PhD, Management, UVA Darden School of Business
- Assistant Professor & Director of Career Services at UVA



Alex Keller

- PhD, Pharmacology, UVA
- Project Leader at Boston Consulting Group (BCG)



Yijing Shi

- PhD, Materials Science and Engineering, UVA
- Former Consultant & Engagement Manager at McKinsey & Company



Kelly Drews

- PhD, Molecular and Cellular Basis of Disease, UVA
- Former Senior Associate Consultant at Triangle Insights Group

Panelists speak and respond to questions on:

- ⦿ How to land a management consulting job
- ⦿ Work and life in management consulting
- ⦿ What comes after a management consulting job

Brendan Boler, Ph.D., Management

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Higher education leader, teacher and researcher with a passion for creating project based, experiential learning opportunities for students and executives. He is specifically interested in the cognitive and social psychology behind effective decision making, change management, predictive analytics, and talent assessment and selection. Much of his research is conducted within the context of employment assessments and interviews.

Yijing Shi, Ph.D., Materials Science and Engineering

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Graduated from UVA with Ph.D. in materials science and engineering major in 2015. Was the founding member and president of the Graduate Consulting Club at UVA. Worked as a consultant and then an engagement manager at McKinsey in both China and the US from 2015-2019. Worked as a strategy lead at VMware focusing on corporate strategy and development in the last two years. Currently working as the head of strategy and operation at a stealth mode tech startup.

Alex Keller, Ph.D., Pharmacology

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Alex graduated in May 2019 with a Ph.D. from UVA's Department of Pharmacology. During his time in BIMS, he studied blood vessel signaling pathways in Brant Isakson's lab and was active in the GBS professional committee. Alex joined Boston Consulting Group in July 2019 and is a member of the firm's Washington, DC office, where his project work has focused primarily on biopharma and retail.

Kelly Drews, Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Basis of Disease

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Kelly earned his Ph.D. from UVA's Experimental Pathology department in 2019 before joining Triangle Insights Group, a boutique strategy consulting firm focusing on biotech and life sciences. After 1-2 years in commercial strategy consulting Kelly moved to IQVIA, a global CRO, and began consulting on clinical trial strategy and go-to-market approaches for a variety of products in Real-World Evidence. Kelly recently accepted a role at InterVenn to help lead their business development efforts in the oncology diagnostic space.