



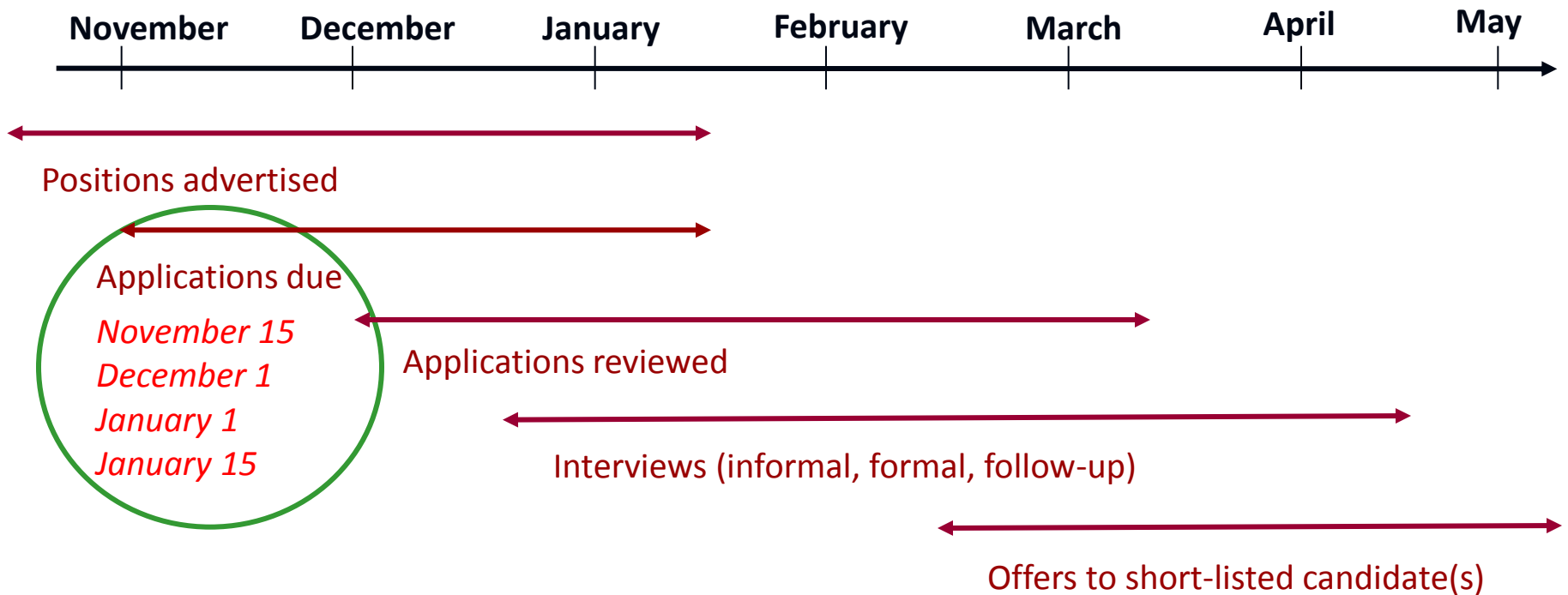
Academic Career Mentoring Workshop

“Applying and Interviewing for an Academic Position”

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Application and Interview Timeline (varies by discipline & institution)



***Start dates vary:
Aug., Jan., following Aug.***

Panel Discussion Questions



- What are key things to do in late stages of one's PhD program or postdoc appointment to prepare for a career in academia?
- How best to find out about open positions, and what are important things to know about the places you may want to apply to?
- What helps make your application **stand out** among many others?
- What “homework” and other preparation should you do for the interview (e.g., information about the department and institution, resources you need to start up your research, teaching, etc.)?
- What should you definitely do and definitely not do in interview?
- What “takeaways” should come from the interview—from both the interviewer's and interviewee's perspectives (i.e., what should become known by both parties)?
- What general advice is offered for successfully applying and interviewing for a faculty position?

Panelists



- **M. Brian Blake**, Professor of Computer Science & Electrical & Computer Engineering, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School, University of Miami



- **Dan Garcia**, Senior Lecturer in the Computer Science Division of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, UC, Berkeley



- **Charles Isbell**, Professor and Senior Associate Dean, College of Computing, Georgia Tech



- **Nayda Santiago**, Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez

Panel Format



- **Panelists' remarks:**
 - *personal background; path taken to academic career*
 - *responses to panel discussion questions*
 - *additional tips*
- **Open Q&A:**
 - *questions from the audience*
- **Wrap-up**

Job Search Resources for Placement in Academia



- Links of ***national academic search engines***:
 - <http://www.academickeys.com/>
 - <http://www.academiccareers.com/>
 - <http://AcademicJobsOnline.org>
 - <http://jobs.sciencecareers.org/>
- Some clearinghouses of ***postdoc opportunities***:
 - <http://ppfp.ucop.edu/info/>
 - http://www.hercjobs.org/home/index.cfm?site_id=793
 - <http://www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/>
 - http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/Postdocs_portal.asp
 - <http://minoritypostdoc.org/>
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