**TIBBS Career Blitz Career Profile Questionnaire**

1. Please provide your name and employer:

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1. What is your current title and how long have you worked in your current job?

Principal Engineer: 4 years at Moderna

1. Where did you get your PhD and what discipline was it in?

UNC Chapel Hill, School of Pharmacy, Division of Molecular Pharmaceutics and Pharmacoengineering

1. Did you do a postdoc?

No

1. What are your main daily responsibilities?

Managing my teams development activity, Cross-functional strategy for program delivery, Problem solving and designing experiments

1. What are the keys to success in your career field?

Strong communication skills, persistence and resilience, hunger to learn, and embracing teaching/mentorship of junior staff

1. What were the most important factors in choosing your career path and current employer?

Upward trajectory, tangible impact on medicine, new modality of medicines

1. What activities (if any) did you participate in that helped you be successful in obtaining your job?

Attending conferences and open lines of communication with industry attendees

1. What 1 or 2 pieces of advice do you have for people who want to land a job like yours?

Never be afraid to stand out, being bold can be good or bad – embrace it, always be courteous

1. How is the work/life balance in your career field and how much of a factor was that in your career choice?

Lol – huge work comes with huge rewards, but you have to know the differences between what smaller vs. larger biotech companies comes with