African Bioinformatics Institute

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

PROPOSED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Independent Advisory Council

Purely advisory body composed of African and global experts across bioinformatics, public health, industry, and related fields.

Governing Board

Highest authority: Oversees and appoints the Executive Director, and reviews strategy and performance. May include representatives from participating institutions, regional bodies (e.g., AU, NEPAD, Africa CDC), funders, and African scientific organisations (e.g. SFA)

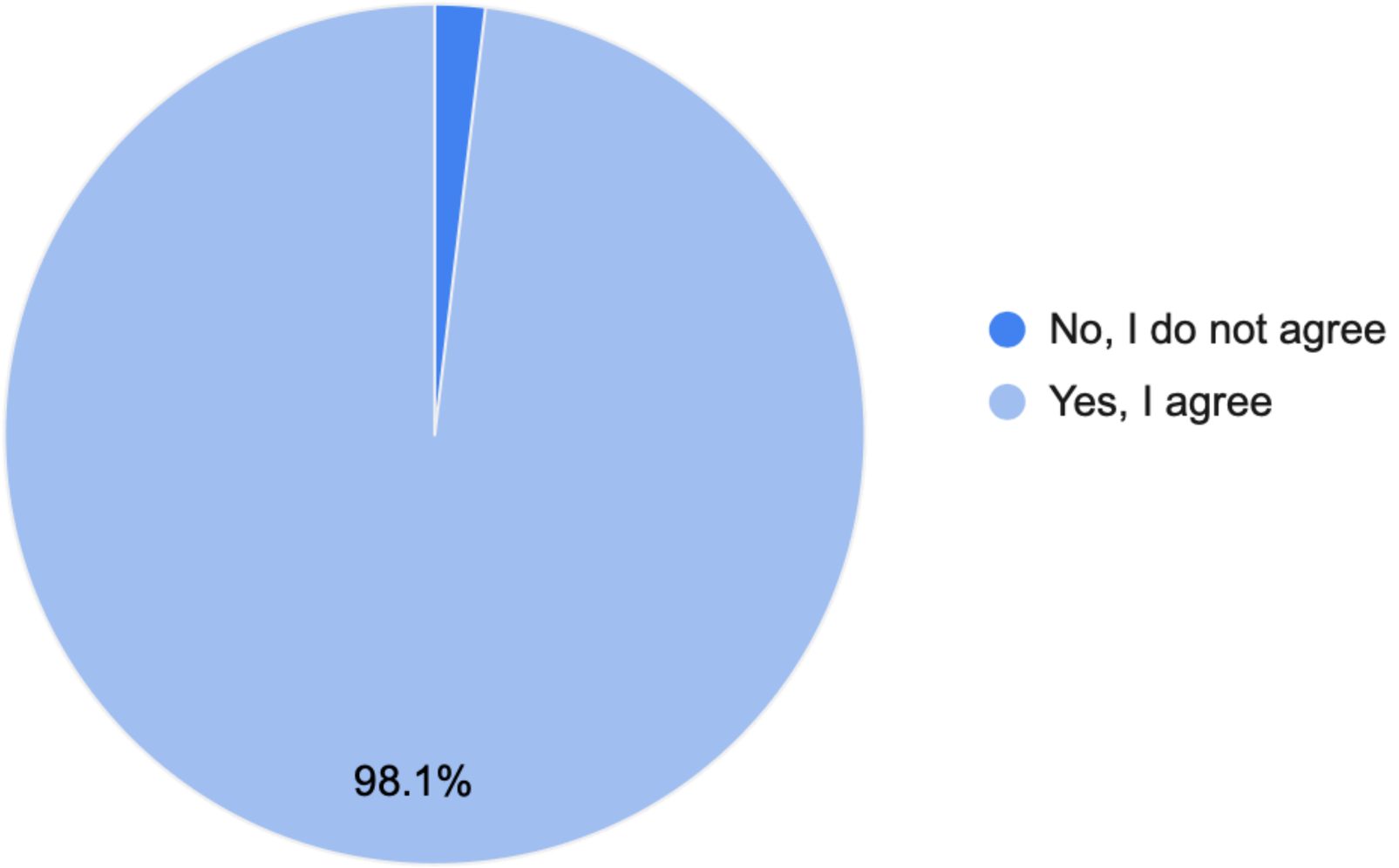
College of Group Leaders/ Regional Representation

All Group Leaders serve on the council; if membership becomes too large, it may transition to a regional model with elected representatives.

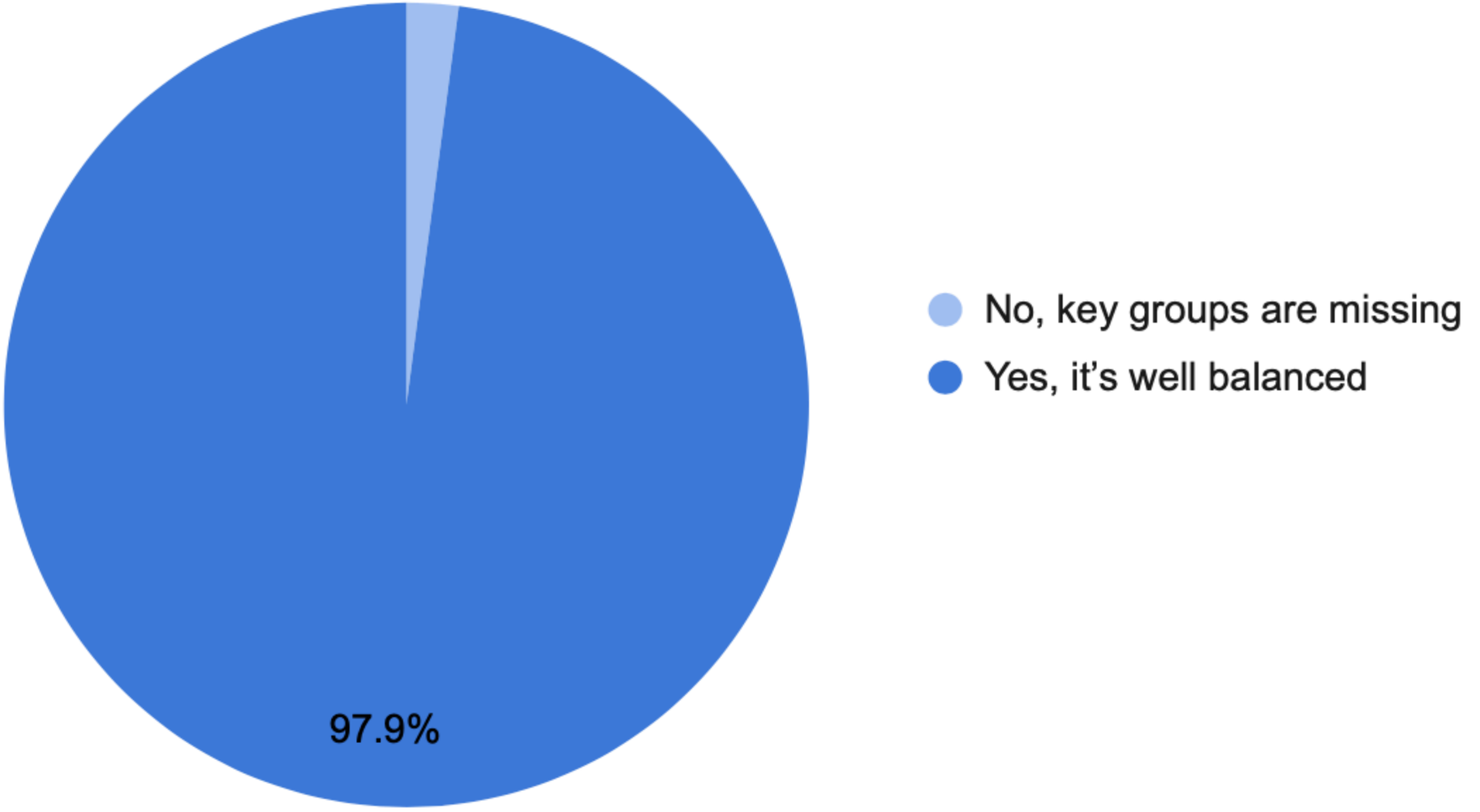
Executive Secretariat

Comprises the Executive Director and leads of finance, HR, legal, etc

Do you agree with the proposed ABI governance structure overall?



Do you feel the proposed structure provides adequate representation of stakeholders?



STUDENT FORUM

Purpose: Create a connected, skill-sharing community for students and early-career researchers across Africa.

Proposed Structure/Activities

💬 Digital Forum Platform – Tag-based queries & skill alerts for peer problem-solving.

🔗 Peer & Formal Mentorship – Match students with peers and professionals.

🎯 Targeted Training – Mini-courses & workshops in priority bioinformatics areas.

🌍 Annual Student Forum Meeting – Showcase student research, innovation & leadership.

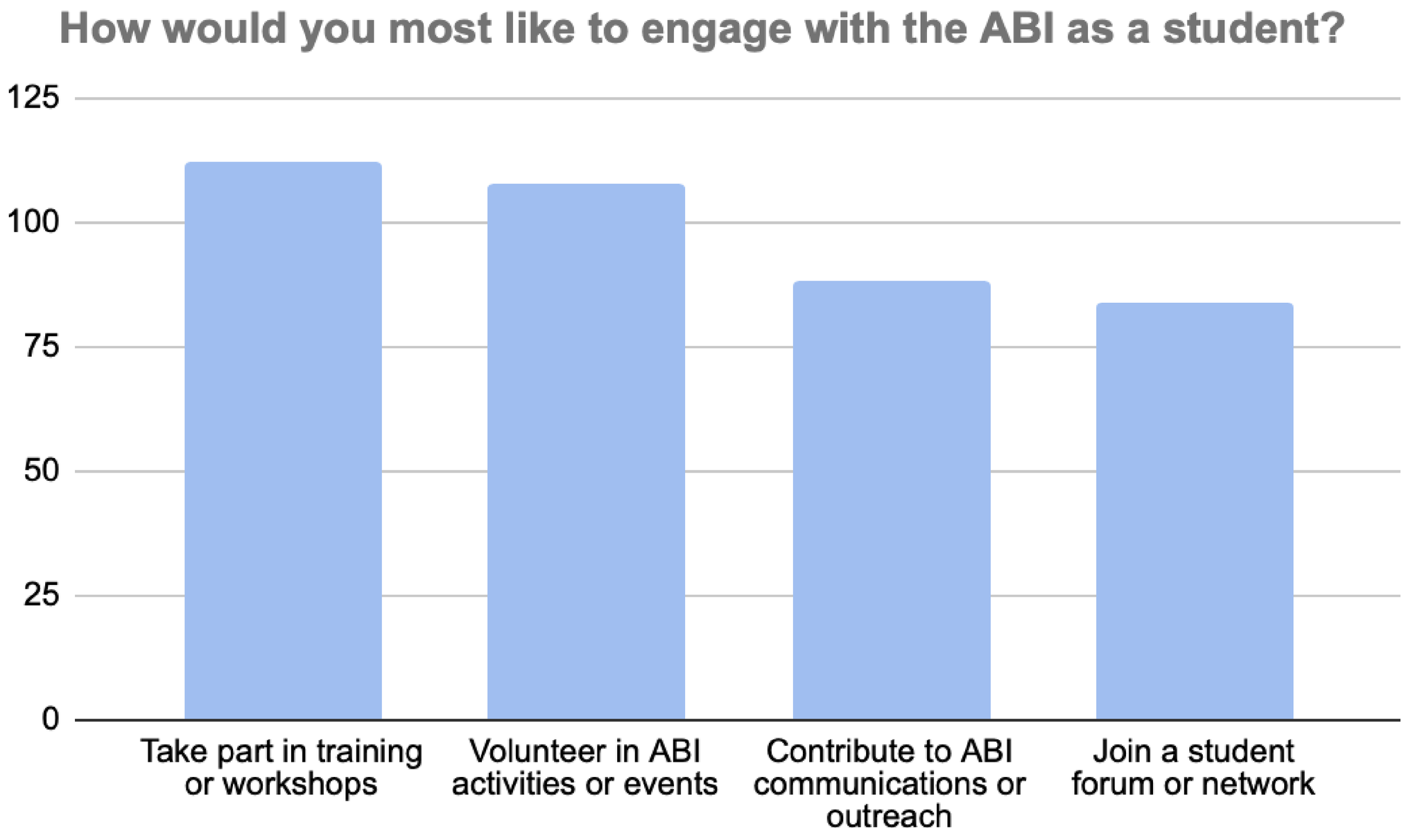
🤝 Career Development – Professional growth, networking & leadership opportunities.

Impact:

- Strengthened African bioinformatics community.
- Enhanced student skills, confidence, and employability.
- Sustainable peer-support and mentorship ecosystem.

Next Steps:

- Launch pilot in 2026.
- Build community ambassadors.
- Host 1st Annual Forum in 2027.


How would you most like to engage with the ABI as a student?
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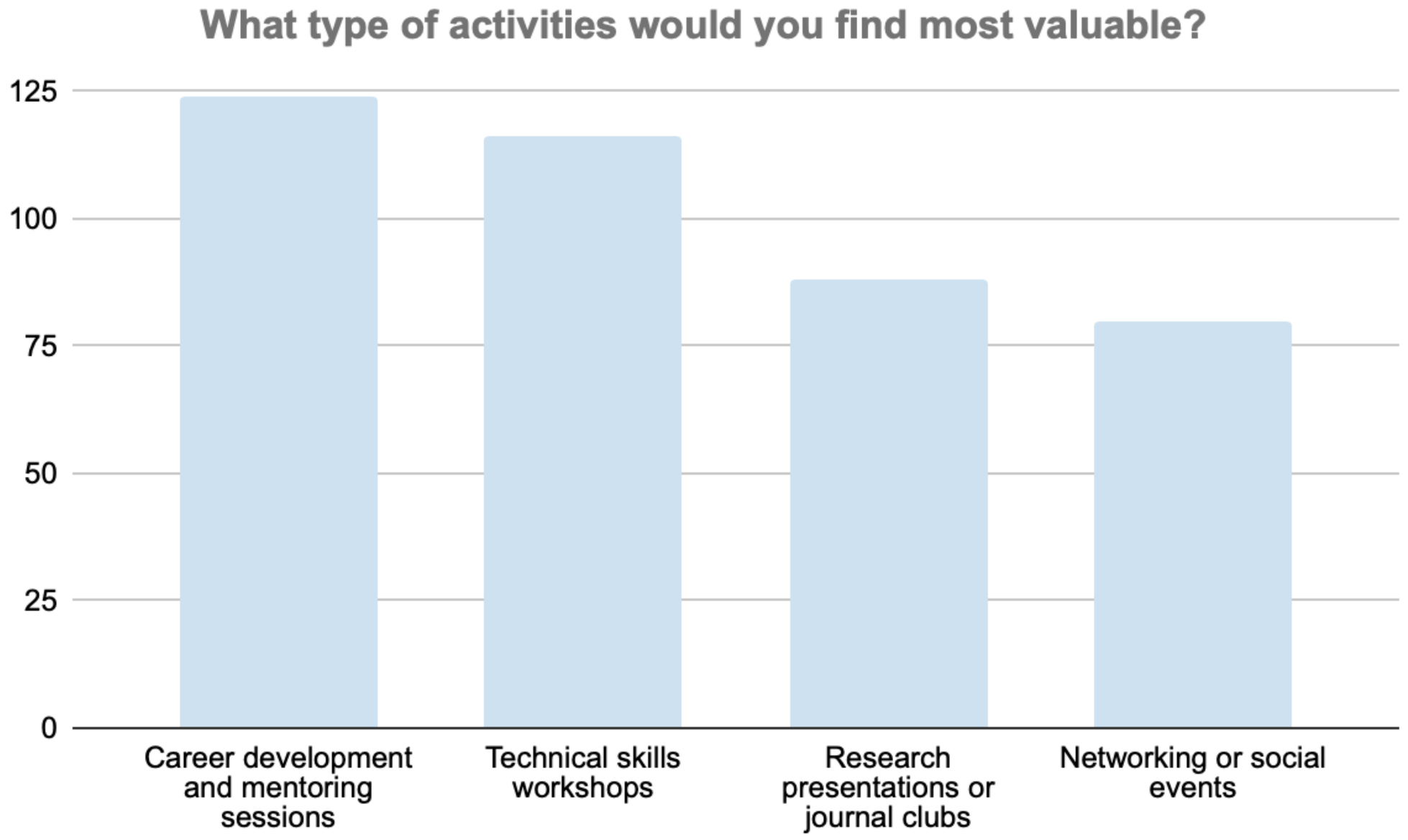
Take part in training or workshops
Volunteer in ABI activities or events
Contribute to ABI communications or outreach
Join a student forum or network


What type of activities would you find most valuable?
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Career development and mentoring sessions
Technical skills workshops
Research presentations or journal clubs
Networking or social events