**General information and job websites**

**Vitae**
[www.vitae.ac.uk](http://www.vitae.ac.uk)
Vitae is a great resource in regards to providing online information and advice for HE institutions and researchers on professional development and careers.

Useful stats and comments from PhDs on their reasons for undertaking a PhD.

[www.vitae.ac.uk/researcher-careers](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researcher-careers) - The careerwise researcher (toolkit)

[https://www.vitae.ac.uk/researcher-careers/researcher-career-stories](https://www.vitae.ac.uk/researcher-careers/researcher-career-stories) - What do research staff do next?

**Jobs.ac.uk**
[www.jobs.ac.uk](http://www.jobs.ac.uk)
A variety of excellent resources from this UK-based website exploring career paths for those with PhDs.

[http://www.jobs.ac.uk/media/pdf/careers/reso urces/10-career-paths-for-phds.pdf](http://www.jobs.ac.uk/media/pdf/careers/resources/10-career-paths-for-phds.pdf)


**Piirus**
[https://www.piirus.com/](https://www.piirus.com/)
For networking and making connections

**Research Councils UK**
[http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/skills/develop/](http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/skills/develop/)
Developing a research career.

**Science & Technology Facilities Council**
[http://www.stfc.ac.uk/2474.aspx](http://www.stfc.ac.uk/2474.aspx)
Supports research & skill development.

**Science Careers**
[http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/](http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/)
[http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/tools_tips/outre ach/booklets](http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/tools_tips/outreach/booklets)
The Science careers website for interesting and relevant career related articles. Several booklets produced by ScienceCareers in the field of career planning and transition

**Target jobs**
Article about academic jobs with your PhD.

**An Academic Career**
[http://www.academiccareer.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.academiccareer.manchester.ac.uk/)
Excellent for realistically thinking about whether it is the right career for you, finding academic jobs worldwide and then making academic applications.

**Beyond the PhD**
[http://beyondthephd.co.uk/](http://beyondthephd.co.uk/)
Beyond the PhD offers thought provoking personal and professional insights into life after the PhD. It’s been developed as a career resource for arts and humanities PhD researchers by the UK Centre for Career Management Studies (CCMS).

**UK Council for Graduate Education, UKCGE**
[https://www.ukcge.ac.uk/main/home](https://www.ukcge.ac.uk/main/home)
Runs events dealing with PGR and PGT issues. Can be expensive. Is a member organisation, so check if your institution is a member.

**The Muse**
[https://www.themuse.com/](https://www.themuse.com/)
A great resource for hints and tips on CVs, career decisions, wellbeing, team dynamics.

**Twitter**
[www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)
Lots of ideas and opportunities are available through Twitter. Great place to hear about upcoming fellowships, new initiatives, explore impact.

**LinkedIn**
[https://www.linkedin.com/groups/PhD-Careers-Outside-Academia-1844342/about](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/PhD-Careers-Outside-Academia-1844342/about)
(LinkedIn group) - This group is for those with a PhD who are working or considering working in a role outside the more traditional academic career paths within colleges and universities.

**Teaching Tools in Plant Biology**
This Facebook site is great for plant scientists aiming for an academic career. There are regular posts on the latest news in plant science and agriculture, from molecular biology through to environment and ecology.

**Next Scientist: 11 Alternative Careers for PhD Students**
Good article giving broad range of options for non-academic careers

**How to work a crowd by Alexis Bauer**
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLDIG-F-maQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLDIG-F-maQ)
Networking is not a bad thing! Watch this video if you’re not convinced.
Getting the first lecturing job AGCAS Research Staff Task Group
This survey, undertaken by the AGCAS Research Staff Task Group, asked experienced academics to identify the key areas they would look for when recruiting for a new lecturer in their discipline. Their responses provide interesting and informative insights into academic career development.

Research Professional
https://www.researchprofessional.com/0/rr/home
Research Funding database as well as job postings

FindaPhD.com
Research is Cool.com
http://researchiscool.com/search.asp
Job search database aimed at researchers at the beginning of their research career.

Shinton Consulting
www.Shintonconsulting.com
Careers advice and services for academics

Researcher Work Experience: Placements/internships outside academia
Collection of case studies with employers’, student and careers/staff developer perspectives

Guardian Higher Education Network
http://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network
Useful for careers staff and researchers to join. Articles and blogs on academic life.

PSCI-COM Discussion list
https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=psci-com
This discussion list is owned by the Wellcome Trust and has over 1000 subscribers. It’s great to find out about the latest news on science communication and policy as well as regular job postings, including science administration and management.

Introduction to Medical communications
https://firstmedcommsjob.com/
This site has lots of information on the types of jobs within the medical communications sector. It includes job adverts, information about companies and podcasts of professionals.

The art of grantsmanship
http://www.hfsp.org/funding/art-grantsmanship
Written by the Human Frontier Science Program, this site has some valuable advice on how to target and apply for grant money.

List of learned societies
http://biosciencecareers.org/learned-societies
Learned societies are a great way for early career researchers and PhD students to gain entry to an academic club as well as apply for their own funding and acquire more independence.

The perceptions about PhDs
http://biosciencecareers.org/bio-careers-blog/perceptions-about-phd-s
There may well be other useful things on the Bio Careers website, but this article is good for opening up discussion on what people outside of academia understand a PhD to be.

HEFCE
http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/rereports/year/2014/pginternational/
International comparisons in postgraduate education: quality, access and employment outcomes (report)

Research hacks: 23 ways to communicate and showcase your skills – Andy Tattersall

Blogs

Jobs on Toast
http://jobsontoast.com/
Blog by Chris Humphries for PhDs about how to make the transition out of academia into other sectors. Several PhDs have mentioned that this is where they go for advice and ideas. Chris has a PhD in Mediaeval Studies, has worked in and outside of academia (currently in financial services) and uses Jobs on Toast to share his experience, knowledge and understanding.

Cheeky Scientist blog
http://cheekyscientist.com/blog/
This blog is run by Cheeky Scientist, a commercial organisation which runs training for PhDs/researchers wanting to work outside academia. Although quite American in tone and outlook, the no nonsense, straightforward language and approach is refreshing.

Naturejobs
http://blogs.nature.com/naturejobs/

The Guardian
http://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/blog
A range of higher education blogs

CareerShifters blog
http://www.careershifters.org/blog
Insights into the range of career change scenarios and the challenges/questions that people raise even though the majority are people who haven’t completed PhDs.

Bioscience Careers
www.Biosciencercareers.org
Careers advice and services + regular blog aimed at bioscience community

Professor is In blog (US focus)
theprofessorisin.com

The New Academic
http://www.nadinemuller.org.uk/category/the-new-academic/
Social sciences blog

Tools

Science Careers
http://myidp.sciencecareers.org
General career planning. Science careers personal development planner

Myers Briggs Type Indicator
http://www.myersbriggs.org/my-mbti-personality-type/mbti-basics/
Personality assessment
Career Choice Test
www.braingain.be
Online report plus coach sessions.

Vitae Researcher Development Framework Planner
https://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers-professional-development/about-the-vitae-researcher-development-framework-planner
Mapping professional development

Golden Profile of Personality
http://www.gpop.info/

DocPro
www.mydocpro.org
Online skills portfolio for PhDs that was developed by both academic and industrial sectors, which means that the vocabulary used in this portfolio is shared by both sectors. It helps doctorate holders to assess their skills and to show how they used those skills by giving concrete examples from their background, as it will be the case during a job interview.

Bochumer Inventaor
http://www.testentwicklung.de/testverfahren/BIP

SUCCESS INSIGHTS TM
www.insights.de

Euro-wide & US resources

Euroassist
http://ec.europa.eu/euroassist/index.cfm/general/index
The portal contains practical information concerning professional and daily life in European countries, research news, as well as information on job and funding opportunities.

Networking in Europe
http://remat.tutech.eu/
The ReMaT project aims to open up access to transferable skills training and encourage a much wider availability and broader take up. This is to be achieved by providing a pilot programme to introduce research and knowledge management skills to PhD candidates in the life sciences

UACES Scholarships
http://www.uaces.org/awards/scholarships/
Research scholarships for working in the EU

ClusterCollaboration
http://www.clustercollaboration.eu/map
Website gathering all the clusters in Europe, in all fields. Great tool to explore the job market for PhDs in Europe.

Campus France
http://www.campusfrance.org/fria/bourse/index.html?app=24b3f36a3-si=0
Fellowship programmes for studies or research in France.

ABG
www.intelliagence.fr
French association dedicated to the career development of doctorate holders. Information on career development and testimonials from recruiters. A job board with positions for doctoral candidates and postdocs, in academia and in the industry.

They also have a group on LinkedIn which has over 7,500 members mixing PhDs and recruiters. Different discussion topics include research, careers, innovation, international opportunities and more.

DEA
DEA.dk

A Danish evaluation and analytical organisation working with the educational sector. Develops relevant reports on PhD employment.

PhD Careerlink
www.phdcareerlink.se
A Swedish career site, which also makes relevant reports about employment etc.

Stockholm Science City
http://www.stockholmsciencecity.com/en
A webpage to learn more about companies in the Stockholm region. And learn about networking events. Stockholm Life Solna-Stockholm is a hub for research and development within life science in Hagastaden.

BIOCAT
http://www.biocat.cat/borsa-de-treball-i-practiques
Although it is not just addressed to the PhD community, this site is good to be aware of the job opportunities not only in academia, but also in industry.

It also gathers interesting links from abroad institutions (outside Spain).

CAREER PROGRESSION IN SCIENCE
This annual event is organized between the Institute for Research in Biomedicine (IRB Barcelona) and the Science Park of Barcelona (PCB) and it aims to share personal experiences beyond the bench.

Chronicle of Higher Education
http://chronicle.com/section/Home/5
US higher education website with blogs advice and discussion forums. Also has a jobs listing.

National Postdoctoral Association (NPA)
http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/

White Consulting
www.Whiteconsulting.com
US career consulting services

Universities

Manchester University: Information on academic careers
http://www.academiccareer.manchester.ac.uk
Information about Academic Careers. Including what the career entails, looking for a job and advice on making applications. Site also asks readers to ‘sense check’ whether an academic career is really for them.

An Academic Career (University of Manchester)
http://www.academiccareer.manchester.ac.uk/the Manchester Careers Service this is a Developed by Elizabeth Wilkinson from the Manchester Careers Service, this is a useful website with a range of written and video advice on various aspects of academic career development.

PDC – Fellowships page
http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/staffdevelopment/postdoc s1/fellowships
Contains a list of fellowship opportunities according to overarching discipline.

Warwick University
http://phdlife.warwick.ac.uk/

Cambridge University
http://cambridgepostdocs.blogspot.co.uk
Their Twitter account @earlycareerblog is also worth following.

**Social sciences**

Academy of Social Science

https://acss.org.uk/

Campaign for Social Science

http://campaignforsocialscience.org.uk/businessofpeople/part3/

“The Business of People” Campaign for Social Science Part 3 gives an overview of employment sectors where social scientists contribute:

Careers of Social Scientists

http://campaignforsocialscience.org.uk/resource-category/careers

General graduate employment and career profiles mainly from undergraduate degrees but still an ideas generator

The Social Research Association

http://the-sra.org.uk/

The site includes a dedicated section on Careers in Social Research- http://the-sra.org.uk/sra_resources/careers and also advertises job vacancies

Tensure, She Wrote

https://tenureshewrote.wordpress.com

Career resource for arts and humanities PhD researchers

Lisjobnet

http://www.lisjobnet.com

For those interested in information or library careers

**Books and Articles**

The Impact of doctoral careers

http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/RCUK-prod/assets/documents/skills/timodcfullreport.pdf

This survey of PhDs and employers 7 and half years after graduation offers a number of interesting outcomes and includes quotes from employers and researchers on their experiences. There are also academic discipline specific leaflets

AHRC On the Right Track


A report commissioned by AHRC reviewing provision and outcomes for Professional Master’s and Doctoral students includes some information on career progression.

Wellcome report

http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/stellent/groups/corporate/site/@sf_central_grants_admin/documents/web_docu ment/wtp053947.pdf

A useful report by the Wellcome Trust "Risks and Rewards – How PhD students choose their careers" 

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**King’s CareerConnect**

www.kcl.ac.uk/careerconnect

King’s CareerConnect is our exclusive online career portal enabling students and recent alumni to engage with our services. Once logged in, you can access our vacancy board and search hundreds of part-time roles, placements, internships and graduate-level opportunities, book one-to-one careers or