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PhD, and next? Career options, skills and orientation for scientists

Topic area:	Career development
Format:	Online or in-house workshop
Workload:	Online: 4 x 2.5 h-webinars plus self-paced work on our learning platform; in-house: 2 workshop days
Trainer:	Karin Bodewits or Philipp Gramlich or Lisa Steinhauser
Target group:	PhD students and postdocs

Explore your interests and values, your PhD career options, and skills development to unlock new opportunities in your career as a scientifically trained professional.

So, you finally have a science PhD, or will have one in the future. What to do with it? Are all doors open to you, or is there still a lot of work to be done? How will your career development look in the age of AI? This workshop will give you orientation: What do you want to achieve with it, where do you want to go after it, and how can you use your time in academia to prepare for the next step?

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In this workshop, you'll learn about:

- Introspection: Your interests, values and skills.
- Careers with a PhD: What career options exist, and how can you switch between them to craft your career?
- Shall I do a postdoc or not? Does it make sense to spend additional time on academic research after your PhD?
- Skill development: Which (hidden) skills do you already have, and which can you develop during your time in academia?
- Skills match: What do employers want from you, and how can you sell yourself?
- How will AI impact the job hunt? Which jobs will become redundant, which new skills do you need to bring to the table, and how to use AI as a coach?

Workshop materials:

Online: After the webinar phase, participants have three weeks to dive deeper into the course material on the learning platform and receive individual feedback from the course instructors.

In-house: All participants receive a PDF script of the course, allowing them to revise the material at their convenience.

Interfaces with other workshops

This workshop can be combined with **Job application and interview strategies for scientists** to give the workshop **Goodbye academia?**®, which gives a complete overview of the most common career development topics for scientists.

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