

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

Topic area:	Career development
Format:	Online or in-house workshop
Workload:	4 webinars of 2.5 h each = 2 workshop days
Trainer:	Karin Bodewits or Philipp Gramlich or Lisa Steinhauer
Target group:	PhD students and postdocs



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

So, you finally have a science degree- or will 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?

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In this course, you'll learn about:

- Introspection: Your interests, values and skills.
- Careers with a PhD: A scientist has numerous options beyond what you might expect and can easily switch between them.
- 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? How can you sell yourself?
- How will AI impact the job hunt? We will look at the changing job market, how to handle information overload, and the use of AI tools as a coach.

Course flow online workshops

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Weeks 2-3
Live webinar - Kick off - Strategy and introspection	Live webinar - Career options-strategy - How will AI impact your job hunt?	Live webinar - Career options-specifics	Live webinar - Skills match	Individual written or oral feedback from the instructor
Self-paced work on our learning platform	Self-paced work on our learning platform	Self-paced work on our learning platform	Self-paced work on our learning platform	

All participants receive a script of the course in PDF format for offline and future use so that they can work through the material offline as well as after the course.

This workshop can be combined with [Job application and interview strategies for scientists](#) to give the workshop [Goodbye academia?](#), which gives a complete overview over the most common career development topics for scientists.