The academic career path

Topic area:	Career development
Format:	Online or in-house workshop
Workload:	3-4 webinars of 2.5 h each = 1.5 - 2 workshop days
Trainer:	Karin Bodewits or Philipp Gramlich
Target group:	PhD students and postdocs



Explore what an academic career involves, assess whether it suits you, and plan your next steps towards a possible professorship.

Do you dream of becoming a professor one day? Or do you enjoy research but wonder whether the academic career path is right for you? A professorship can offer intellectual freedom and the opportunity to shape your own research. Yet the journey towards it is competitive, often uncertain, and requires more than excellent scientific results.

What does it actually take to succeed in academia? Which achievements matter, how do career paths differ, and what choices can strengthen your prospects? Equally importantly, how well does academic life fit your interests, values and personal priorities?

In this interactive workshop, you'll explore the realities of academic careers, reflect on your own ambitions and develop a realistic strategy for your next steps. Whether you decide to pursue a professorship or keep other options open, you'll leave better equipped to make informed career decisions.

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In this workshop, you'll learn to:

Getting to know the academic track

- What makes academia a special work environment?
- What pitfalls can you anticipate?
- The academic portfolio: What do you need to achieve to become a professor?

Assess your personal fit

- Reflect on your interests, values, strengths and career priorities.
- Compare your expectations with the realities of academic work.
- Decide whether an academic career is a good fit for you.

Plan your next career steps

- Shall I do a postdoc or not?
- Choose a postdoc supervisor.
- Networking in academia.
- Plan B: Can you work on your academic profile and simultaneously become more employable elsewhere?

Optional fourth webinar: Applying for academic positions

- Understand recruitment and selection processes for academic positions.
- Learn what makes a convincing academic CV, research statement and interview pitch.