

Career Planning: How to Start Leaving Academia

Objective

- What are my unique abilities and interests critical in determining the right career path for me?
- Can I combine my ideas about a fulfilled life with a career outside of university and academia?
- How can I develop a strategy for embarking on a non-academic career path?

This online workshop helps to answer these and other questions for those who want to plan their career development strategically. It focuses on supporting young scientists and researchers and prepare them for leaving academia. It offers them possibilities to reflect upon future careers in industry, business or alternative career choices. Based on their individual profiles, participants develop their own vision for their future personal and professional lives.

- You reflect upon your professional career path and develop a well-orchestrated plan.
- You work out a biography-based profile that highlights and evaluates your individual qualifications, skills and job vision.
- You explore different occupational career alternatives.
- You get information about formal and hidden requirements for career development (with special focus on German working culture).
- You share experiences and are encouraged by other scientists who are in a similar professional situation.

Description

- Creating your profile of skills and qualifications, highlighting your strengths and accomplishments
- Choosing your own criteria and values for work and life
- Developing a vision for your own professional and private life
- Review and evaluation of personal development goals
- Detect your professional network
- Outlook: Application procedure and job interview in Germany

Methodology

- Individual work and team coaching methods
- Methods of visualization
- Presentations and group discussion

Organizational Information

Language	English
Target group	Advanced Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs from all faculties
Date	Workshop: Monday, 19 April 2021, 09:00 – 11:30 & 14:00 – 17:30 Tuesday, 20 April 2021: 09:00 – 11:15 Individual Coaching: Tuesday, 20 April 2021, 14:00 – 18:00. Appointments will be scheduled in the workshop.
Registration	For registration click here

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