



Career Planning Resources for TECHNE- funded PhD Students

Please see our online resource for guidance on developing your CV

http://www.techne.ac.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/206701/TECHNE-resources-CVs.pdf

'Rate My Academic CV' Activity

You might find it useful to practice 'scoring' your own CV, a CV of a friend or one of the [example researcher CVs](#) on the vitae.ac.uk website using the worksheet below.

You can get help with developing your CV in a [1:1 appointment](#) with a TECHNE dedicated Careers Consultant, and it is useful to also bring an example of a position you are interested in to an appointment.

Remember that the [TECHNE Whatever Next? Career Development Programme](#) offers career support including:

- [1:1 appointments](#) with a TECHNE dedicated Careers Consultant
- [webinars](#) on topics such as developing a portfolio career, job interviews and using LinkedIn
- [workshops](#) on topics such as CVs and cover letters for academic and non-academic jobs, academic and non-academic careers, and networking

‘Rate my Academic CV’ Exercise

Postdoc level Positions

What Academic Recruiters are looking for:	Any Evidence? (tick for yes)	How strong is the evidence? rate 1 (low) – 3 (high) Add any additional comments
First author paper(s) (book) published / in press, high impact:		
Strong in relevant methods, in depth knowledge & understanding of topic / project		
Conference presentations national & especially International.		
A well recognised host research group & / or high profile referee		
Prizes / awards / some grant experience: e.g. attained competitive fellowship e.g. travel grant e.g. contributed to supervisor grant application		
Evidence of independent thought in the generation of research ideas and project design & implementation		
Non research activities e.g. event organising e.g. public engagement e.g. committee membership		

Previous academic excellence e.g. excellent first degree, masters		
Teaching e.g. formal lectures e.g. mentoring e.g. lab demonstrator		
Transferable skills e.g. collaboration with externals e.g. teamwork		

CV Layout & Structure

Scoring (1 poor – 4 excellent)	1	2	3	4
Information is easy to find				
Sentences are concise and factual				
Information is grouped under logical headings				
Formatting is consist & no spelling or grammar errors				