



Career Planning Resources for TECHNE- funded PhD Students

Typical Academic Career Path

Career paths vary vastly in academia, but the typical path might look like this:

PhD → Post-Doc or Fellowship → Lecturer → Senior Lecturer → Reader → Professor

The roles within many of these will include researcher, fundraiser, supervisor, administrator, manager, committee member, teacher, course organiser, course innovator, invited speaker, and more!

PhD students and graduates may also work as Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs), (Senior) Teaching Fellow (or Associate), Guest Lecturers, and Visiting Lecturers

Post-Docs and Fellowships

After completing a PhD a common next step towards an academic career is a Post-Doc or Fellowship.

Most post-docs and fellowships are mixture of research and teaching but some are research-only or teaching-only posts (or more heavily weighted one way or the other).

Post-Docs and Fellowships are can vary but will normally involve project management skills. The length may vary from a few months to three years. There will normally be a publishable piece of writing as the outcome of an arts and humanities project. There may also be expectations that the individual would produce further reports/outputs for different audiences. Within Post-Doc roles individuals may also be required to apply for funding to continue/develop the project.

Further information

Post- Docs

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/categories/postdoc-jobs>

<https://www.findapostdoc.com/>

Early Career Research Fellowships

Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowships

<https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/grant-schemes/early-career-fellowships>

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships

<https://www.britac.ac.uk/british-academy-postdoctoral-fellowships>

Further Useful Websites

www.jobs.ac.uk

www.academicjobseu.com

<http://academiccareers.com> – US focus

www.higheredjobs.com - US focus

www.vitae.ac.uk and in particular the Researcher Development Framework

<https://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers-professional-development/about-the-vitae-researcher-development-framework>