

WHATEVER NEXT?

TECHNE Career Development Programme

Career Planning Resources for TECHNE-funded PhD students

Want to start planning the next step after your Doctorate, but not sure where to start?

The TECHNE Career Development Programme, 'Whatever next?' offers career support by:

- one hour confidential one-to-one careers appointments
- 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, networking, increasing confidence and acting for showreel

In addition, you may find the following resources helpful for career planning:

VITAE

vitae.ac.uk exists to support the professional development of researchers, whether within academic research or in careers outside academia and has a wealth of information and resources to support you in making decisions about moving on from your PhD.

To access the full content, you will need to register using your University email address.

If you are looking for some inspiration on the kinds of things people do beyond a PhD, the pages on [Researcher Careers](#) would be a good place to start, particularly sections on:

- After Your Doctorate
- Career Options for Researchers
- Research vs non-research careers

The Vitae publication: '[What do Researchers Do? Early Career Progression of Doctoral Graduates](#)', whilst published a few years ago, still gives an interesting perspective on the range of careers entered by PhD graduates, as do the [Researcher Career Stories](#) which give insight into the experiences and career decisions of over 150 researchers in a wide range of occupations.

PROSPECTS

[Prospects.ac.uk](https://prospects.ac.uk) is a huge graduate careers website with over 400 job profiles across all occupational sectors. Each profile covers: responsibilities, salary, qualifications skills, career prospects and links to sources of vacancy information. Sections on finding work, CVs, applications and interviews come under [Careers Advice](#) and there is also a [career planner](#) or jobmatch 'quiz' to help match your skills, qualifications and desires to suggested careers if you are struggling for ideas.

TARGETjobs

[TARGETjobs.co.uk](https://www.targetjobs.co.uk) has generic sections on career planning, applications and CVs as well as links to vacancies across all occupational sectors. TARGETpostgrad has a dedicated section on [applying for jobs after postgraduate study](#)