Academic Job Search 101 - Career Resources

Academic Career Resources
This section lists resources for those who are interested in landing a job in academia.

Career Books
These books (available at CaPS) provide career information, sample portfolios, sample cover letters and CVs, and useful resources on how to land an academic job.

- A guide to academia: Getting into and surviving grad school, postdocs and a research job
- A PhD is not enough! A guide to survival in science
- Mapping your academic career
- Surviving your academic job hunt: Advice for humanities PhDs
- The academic job search handbook
- The PhD handbook for the academic job search: An owner’s manual for finding jobs
- The Professor is in: The essential guide to turning your Ph.D. into a job

Job Search Websites
The following websites list faculty positions, research positions, post-doc positions, associate positions, and administrative and executive positions.

- Canada - University Affairs https://www.universityaffairs.ca/search-job/
- Academic 360 http://www.academic360.com/jobs/

Networking Groups
Consider joining one or more groups listed below to build your network and find job leads.

- Association of Postdoctoral Fellows of McGill University https://postdocassociation.wordpress.com/
- Academia https://www.academia.edu/

Articles of Interest
These articles will give you useful tips and advice on how to land an academic job.

- Tips for success on your path to tenure (Elsevier) https://www.elsevier.com/connect/tips-for-success-on-your-path-to-tenure
- Strategies for landing your first academic position (UA) https://www.universityaffairs.ca/career-advice/career-advice-article/strategies-for-landing-your-first-academic-position-aspx/

For more academic career resources including interview tips, salary information, samples resumes, job websites:

- CaPS – Academic Careers https://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/grad/academic

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Non-Academic Career Resources

The section lists resources for those who are interested in careers outside academia.

Career Books
The following books (available at CaPS) provides alternative careers.

- “So what are you going to do with that?” Finding careers outside academia
- Alternative careers in science: Leaving the ivory tower
- Navigating the path to industry: A hiring manager’s advice for academics looking for a job in industry
- Next gen PhD: A guide to career paths in science
- Work your career: Get what you want from your social sciences or humanities PhD

Articles of Interest
These articles will give you useful tips on how to transfer your skills to industry setting and find opportunities beyond academia.

- How to get a job working for the federal public service
  [http://www.universityaffairs.ca/career-advice/career-advice-article/non-academic-careers/](http://www.universityaffairs.ca/career-advice/career-advice-article/non-academic-careers/)
- Science alternative (Oxford University)
  [http://www.careers.ox.ac.uk/science-alternatives/](http://www.careers.ox.ac.uk/science-alternatives/)
- Science careers outside of academe (UA)
- Video: Deciding on a career inside or outside of academia (UA)
  [https://www.universityaffairs.ca/career-advice/career-advice-article/video-deciding-on-a-career-inside-or-outside-academia/](https://www.universityaffairs.ca/career-advice/career-advice-article/video-deciding-on-a-career-inside-or-outside-academia/)

Job Search Websites
The following websites lists industry jobs.


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- The Versatile PhD [https://versatilephd.com/](https://versatilephd.com/)
- Imagine PhD [https://www.imaginephd.com/](https://www.imaginephd.com/)
- #alt-academy [https://altacademy.wufoo.com/reports/who-we-are/](https://altacademy.wufoo.com/reports/who-we-are/)

For more non-academic career resources including career planning tips and sample non-academic resumes:

- CaPS – Non-Academic Careers [http://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/grad/nonacademic](http://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/grad/nonacademic)
- CaPS – Science Graduates [https://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/grad/science](https://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/grad/science)
- CaPS – Social Science Graduates [https://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/grad/humanity](https://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/grad/humanity)

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