Pursuing nonacademic careers in higher education

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What types of professional roles exist in higher education?



RESEARCH MANAGEMENT

Grant support

Pre / Post award

Ethics & Research Integrity

Data Management



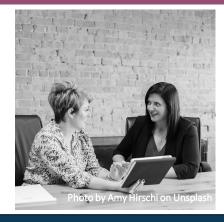
SCHOOL / FACULTY MANAGEMENT

Learning & Teaching

Research

Finance

Recruitment



RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT

HDR Training

ECR Development

Research Impact



RESEARCH CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Strategy

Stakeholder Engagement

Finance

Funder Management

Myths about professional careers

Boring / Unstimulating

No Autonomy

Seen as a failure

Won't be able to use my *** skills

Always learning new things

Control my own work and initiatives

Respected by both Academics & other Professionals

You'd be surprised!

Better job security and work/life balance (7 hours per day)

5 Practical Steps

to prepare for your future non-academic career in higher education

Identify 4 possible interesting people to ask about their career journeys

BONUS:

Reach out to one of them & arrange to meet



Connect intentionally

Ask about people's career journeys

Identify outlets that you could write for, and/or people who can give you critical feedback

BONUS:

Commit to submitting a pitch / article by a deadline



Write for Non-Academics

Learn the art of written communication to those outside your field

Identify events you could present at and/or learn how to present better

BONUS:

Commit to applying for an upcoming event.



Present to Non-Academics

Get comfortable speaking to different audiences & be proactive in finding opportunities



How can you maximise joy in your future career?



Do a Joy audit

What activities over the last week / month brought you the most joy at work?

Who is one person you would like to work for / with?

Commit to reaching out to them by a deadline to tell them & ask if they have anything available.



Be brave & ask

They won't offer you the job if they don't know you are interested.

Helpful resources

Just a few places to look for additional information



Australasian Research Management Society



Campus Morning Mail



Thesis Whisperer blog / podcasts on alternative careers



How to own the room: Women and the art of public speaking by Viv Groskop



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Practice writing for non-academics

Practice presenting to non-academics

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Questions?