



## Job applications and interview training for PhD students: Academia and beyond

**Doing a PhD opens many doors.** The possibilities for what you can do afterwards are endless. By doing a PhD you prove that you can work independently, think logically, and finish a huge piece of work to high professional standards. But what comes next? You may wish to continue in academia, or explore other careers. In this workshop we will identify what you can do now, to increase your chance of success for whatever path you choose in future.

**Academia and beyond.** Whichever career you choose, you will need to show that you have skills beyond those you have developed for your research project. You want to do a post doc? Your supervisor will expect you to work and think independently, be a role model for others, and get your own money. You want to work in industry? You may need skills in communication, project management or programming. You want to launch a start – up? As a scientist, you already have many of the skills to become a successful entrepreneur!

**You are in the driving seat: Take agency!** In this hands - on workshop, you will learn to critically evaluate job descriptions and places of work in all sectors, whether in or outside science and academia, and compare them to your own needs and goals. You will learn what makes a convincing job application and how to present your CV to its best advantage. You will also have the chance to practice interview skills and negotiation tactics.

**Here is an example of the content for this course**, in a one - day format (9.00 - 12.00; 13.00 - 16.00). Longer versions of this course are possible, and the content can be adapted to your requirements (e.g., career orientation for early PhD students, or tailored specifically for post – PhD careers). If you have questions, please contact us at [leonie@science-kitchen.net](mailto:leonie@science-kitchen.net)

### Session 1 Applications

- Analysis of job descriptions in different sectors
- Do I have what it takes? Do they have what I want? Comparing job descriptions to your own profile.
- Polish your CV: How to make sure your CV and application letter fit the job.

### Session 2 Interviews and negotiation

- Preparing for an interview
- Mock interviews for different scenarios
- Negotiation tactics