

PGR tips: What are my career options after my PhD?

Welcome to the first issue of PGR tips!

If you are thinking about future careers one of the things you might want to know is the range of employment sectors and occupations that PhD graduates go into following graduation. This issue is based around the publication **What Do PhDs Do?** and highlights some of the conclusions from the first ever analysis of first destinations of PhD graduates*.

- 36% respondents were working in research occupations in the January following their year of graduation (22% in academia and 18% outside academia)

If you are interested in **staying in academia** after your PhD have a look at <http://www.grad.ac.uk/academia> for information about launching an academic career

- 48% respondents were working in the education sector (83% of this group in higher education)

PhD graduates go into a wide range of employment sectors and roles. How well have you explored the options open to you?

Why not **talk to a careers adviser** or go on a **GRADschool**

(www.grad.ac.uk/GRADschools) where you will get the chance to think about your next move?

- Smaller numbers were employed in managerial, business or IT sectors (9%) and public administration (6%)

If you are thinking about a career in professional services come to the **Careers in Focus: Professional Services event on 13th March**. Sponsors include: PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst and Young LLP, KPMG, Deloitte, ICAEW. This 1 day event is FREE of charge. To find out more and to book go to www.grad.ac.uk/cif

- Did you know that the rate of unemployment for PhD graduates is 3% - significantly below the rate for first degree graduates (7%)?

When looking for jobs **use your networks** and insider knowledge to find vacancies. Keep in touch with people so they remember you if any opportunities arise

- Want to find out more about the career destinations of graduates in your subject area?

Why not have a look at the full **What Do PhDs Do?** document at www.grad.ac.uk/wdpd

*Data taken from What Do PhDs Do? © UK GRAD Programme®/Graduate Prospects.
Source of raw data: HESA Destinations of Leavers of Higher Education Survey 2002/03.

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