

Every Researcher Counts

Resource B

Career conversations

B3 – Career conversation cards

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I'm six months away from the end of my doctorate. Please plot the potential for my career over the next 15 years:

- **Julian hopes to complete his doctorate on time**
- **He has published three papers during the last two years of his doctorate and his supervisor hopes his thesis will yield two more**
- **He is a senior risk manager for an insurance firm and is looking for his well regarded research to take him into new areas**

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- **Anna is a chemist who has already completed her research and is currently writing up. She expects to have her viva in three months time and have three months within her EPSRC funding to do any corrections**
- **She has secured a postdoctoral position within her department**
- **She has published four papers whilst doing her doctorate and presented papers at two international conferences**

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- **Callum is a physicist who has already completed his research and is currently writing up. He expects to have his viva in three months time and have three months within his EPSRC funding to do any corrections**
- **He has secured a postdoctoral position within his department**
- **He has published four papers whilst doing his doctorate and presented papers at two international conferences**

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- **Martin has had periods of limited supervision during his doctorate in music, as his main supervisor has been undergoing chemotherapy and recovering from bowel cancer in the last six months.**
- **Due to the limited periods of supervision, he is submitting later than expected but thinks he will complete his research in the next six months although he will be writing up unfunded. He has been funded through his research to date by the AHRC**

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- Cheng has enjoyed his doctorate in petroleum engineering and expects to have it completed within his three year funding from the government of his home country
- He has really enjoyed his work and the strong relationship he has built with his supervisor and industrial contacts
- He has a commitment to resume his teaching and research duties in his home country on completion of his doctorate

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- Theresa is on track to complete her research within the next three months, leaving her three months to write up
- Her field is education and she has been working with local schools and social services as part of her research
- She has cerebral palsy and is a wheelchair user

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- **Hannah already teaches at the university in the engineering department and has been completing her doctorate part-time over the last five years in order to be able to apply for more senior academic jobs and not be restricted to teaching undergraduates on a casual basis**
- **During that time, she and her civil partner have combined their work and research with bringing up their five year old daughter**

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- Steven has enjoyed his doctorate in geology and is keen to start writing up within his funded period
- His supervisor has been speaking to him about potential postdoctoral funding working within the oil exploration area.
- Steven currently has £45,000 of debt from his undergraduate degree

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- **Melissa will be finishing her arts-based research in the next six months. She has been working in collaboration with arts bodies in the UK and the USA, looking at the ways in which installations in public spaces engage non-academic audiences**
- **She has self-funded this research and has been working part-time throughout in a variety of jobs**

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- **Susan will be completing her doctorate in the informatics department and is hoping her viva will be in five to six months time as she has written several chapters and hopes to have her thesis written in four months time**
- **Although she has published two papers during her doctorate she has not been able to attend many conferences and does not have a wide network at the university or within the subject**
- **She has a son who will start school at the beginning of the next academic year**