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Job search tools for researchers



Goal	The aim of this course is to introduce various tools and platforms PhD students can use to search for career opportunities. The course should introduce both tools operating in the international labour market and in the more local/regional context.
Format	Webinar
Recommended duration	1 hour
Content of the training activity	<p>Topic 1: Overview of job search strategies for researchers in the life science sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● International research-oriented job portals (EURAXESS, Nature Jobs, Science Careers, THE, Eurosciencejobs, SIRE-Jobs, AcademicPositions etc.)● Professional social networks● Professional associations (newsletters)● Direct job search● Networking (conferences, online communities, etc.) <p>Topic 2: Specifics of job-search in the life science sector (with focus on the specific region)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Job search in the private sector● Job search in other sectors (public, NGOs, academia)
Expected learning outcomes	After taking part in this webinar, the PhD student should be able to identify the suitable job search strategies for different career paths in life sciences. They should know the main platforms (international and regional) publishing job openings in the life science sector.
Link to career opportunities in life-sciences	The webinar enables PhD students to use multiple channels to identify the career opportunities in the life-science sector with focus on the specific region.
Sector specifics to be considered	Only small part of positions is advertised via the job portals. Large companies use this channel more often than SMEs. Other strategies, such as networking or direct contact are crucial especially in case of smaller companies.
Trainer/facilitator qualification	Should be familiar with the topic and have some basic experience with online training

Recommendations and suggestions for course/activity setup and methods used:

	Duration	Activity description
Suggested scenario	10 min	Introduction + initial brainstorming (as a researcher, where would you search for a job?)
	15 min	Overview of job search strategies for researchers (presentation + Q&A)
	10 min	Job search platforms for the life sciences in the specific region (presentation + Q&A)
	20 min	To make the webinar more interactive a following group exercise can be included in the agenda: Participants work in groups of 3 — 5 people. Their task is to find in the internet 3 job offers in the life-science sector that are as diverse as possible. Each job offer should be from the different source/platform. The group with the most diverse offers wins.
	5 min	Wrap-up and final reflection
Recommended number of participants	No specific limitations	
Forms of active engagement	Brainstorming (directly, via chat or online polls), group exercise.	
Follow-up activities/ Take home messages	Participants can be asked to search for the job offers and share them in the common document after the course (e. g. via Padlet).	
Reflection questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Which job search strategy do you find to be the most effective for the kind of positions you are interested in? Which platforms would you use and why? ● What do you find to be the main differences between searching for job in academia and in the private sector? ● Where would you start searching for the job opportunities in the life-science sector in the region XY? 	
Engagement of external experts	Not inevitable.	
Technical and material requirements	Webinar software, online interaction and collaboration tools	