

Detailed PhD Career Brainstorming Outcomes

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Below is a more detailed outline of the ideas and concerns expressed during the PhD Career Brainstorming:

- Many concerns raised by international students about finding employment opportunities in line with the current visa restrictions, specifically hearing from employers that look for international experience. These employers could include the World Bank, UNESCO, United Nations.
- As so many international students have expressed an interest in remaining in the UK, there has also been an expressed interest in having speakers from different nationalities and career backgrounds to discuss their specific career paths into academia.
- There has been interest in the various academic roles within the university such as student engagement, policy, administration and research.
- Collaboration events between PGRs across different disciplines in the University in order to learn the research being conducted by other students.
- Transitioning from PhD into academia or from industry into academia
- How to navigate gaining industry experience during the PhD and where to find these types of opportunities.
- Managing a variety of factors related to job market expectations after the PhD. Whether due to industry short-term contracts, age or nationality.
- For those interested in remaining in research, there is a need to gain experience from submitting funding applications. Collaborative opportunities between staff and PGRs on submitting grant applications will benefit those looking for both academic and non-academic research roles.
- Specific professional skills workshops that are related to specific disciplines. Presenters should be at various levels in their career and should be from both academia and industry.
- Accessing resources to non-stem related job opportunities.

This list is not exhaustive and anyone with more ideas and concerns that are not listed above can contact me on z.lowton.1@research.gla.ac.uk