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**Careers**  
**LDC Development Theme**

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Hello and welcome to the LDC Development Programme theme of ‘Careers’

## Why Career management starts early

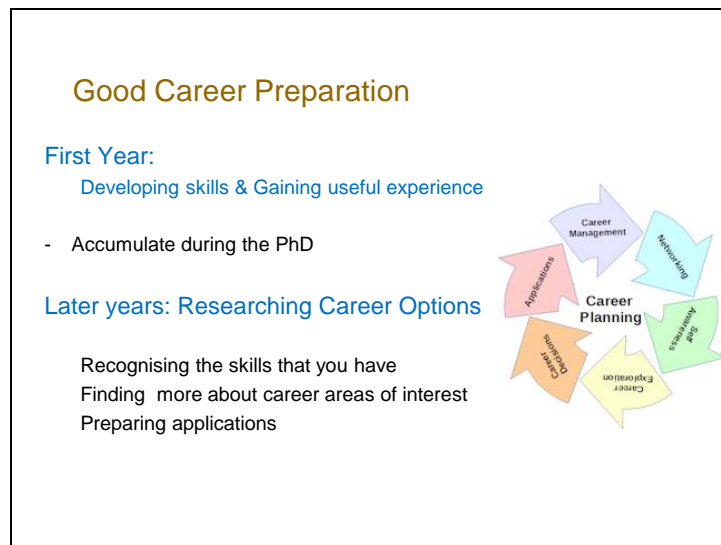
How well prepared for your future career do you need to be by the time that you graduate?



So firstly, why should you be involved in career preparation from the start of your PhD?

Some PhD researchers prefer not to think about their career until the end of their PhD, even leaving this until the completion of their Thesis.

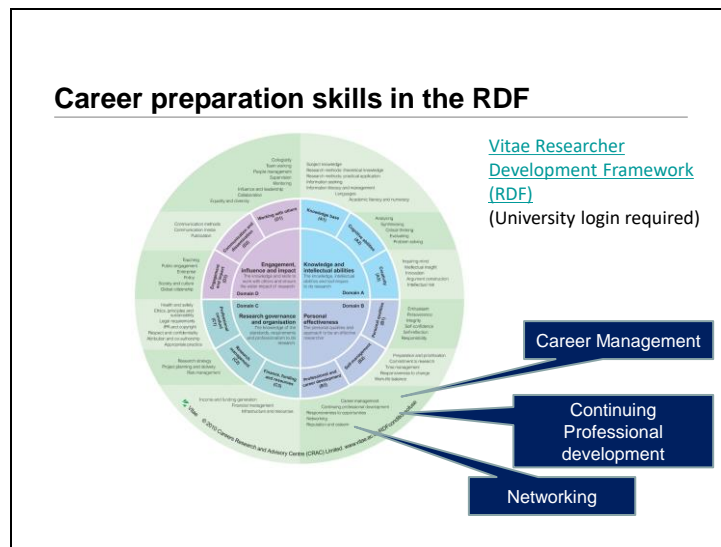
Certainly, your PhD is likely to be one of the essential items in your final CV. However you are likely to be competing against others who also have a PhD – how will you distinguish yourself in applications?



You may not need to make key career decisions in your first year, but you can begin developing useful skills. Consider what is expected in a highly competent PhD researcher. Can you find ways to acquire relevant skills and experience to enhance your future career options?

Your accomplishments may feel small at the start of our PhD, but your experience will build in later years.

Later on in the degree, you can review your skills, start to recognise your work preferences and research potential careers, to help you get ready for the actual application process.



Career preparation is part of becoming a successful researcher and this is recognised in Vitae's Researcher Development Framework. Domain B3 covers Professional and career development with the specific mention of Career Management and networking.

## LDC Development programme

Online workshops to help you to:

- Plan and manage your future career
- Develop face to face and online networking skills
- Gain tips for the application and Interview process
- Learn the skills for working with others

Events

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The LDC programme offers dedicated PhD level career support to help you develop these essential career skills and are delivered by a trained careers consultant.


These online workshops include advice and step by step procedures to help you plan and manage your future career, whether you are just beginning the PhD, or are close to completion

Plus advice, tips and opportunities to learn and practice networking skills for all careers

... advice and examples to help you through the application process, both in the applications and for Interviews

And workshops focussing on the skills to manage the workplace environment.

## External Events



You may find other support elsewhere, e.g.

- Events/Careers fairs offered by the Careers service,
- Events offered by your research area
- Career talks offered at workshops or conferences
- The LDC Placements scheme

Other areas of the University may offer more specific career advice

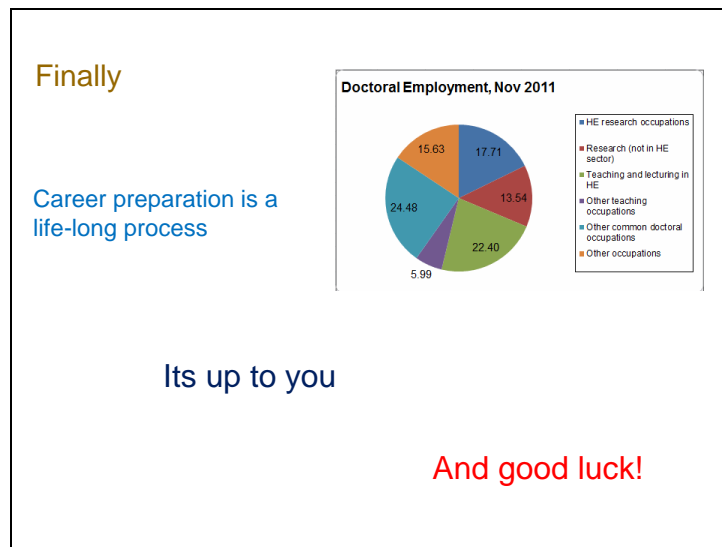
Events or Careers fairs are offered by the Careers service and will help you connect to external companies

Your Department, School or research area may provide specialised career related event for your subject area

Some Researcher specific conferences also include career related talks

And the LDC Placements scheme is highly recommended to help you gain further work experience

If you know have very clear ideas of your future employment area, you might want to seek out people in that field and request private meetings. The online resources offer further advice for this process.



Finally, Career preparation is a life-long process

And whatever your career choices, we wish you best of luck long-term.