**Identifying and Building Transferable Skills**

**Soft skills and talents, Marcus Buckingham, Standout test:**

https://www.marcusbuckingham.com/test/

**Identifying Transferable Skills Padlet:**

<https://padlet.com/alyskay/Skills>

**Breakout Skill Story Instructions:**

https://jamboard.google.com/d/1xblyXtafdcXumflIaUS4sl2ctoUS161PfYvV64IvOCw/edit?usp=sharing

**Building Transferable Skills**

https://www.lifehack.org/797045/transferable-skills

**Building Leadership Skills**

<https://www.goldbio.com/articles/article/How-Postdocs-Can-Improve-Their-Leadership-Skills>

**Researching Jobs and Skillsets**

**National Careers Service**

https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

The National Careers Service provides high quality, free and impartial information advice and guidance to help people make decisions on learning, training and work. It is available to all adults in England over the age of 13.

There is a virtual assistant and you can speak to a careers adviser. It is good for researching skills.

**Prospects Job Profiles**

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/social-researcher>

Useful for researching skills, and job roles.

**Reddit**Example discussion using search terms: ‘reddit bioinformatics industry’:

<https://www.reddit.com/r/bioinformatics/comments/m1tdao/what_do_you_as_a_bioinformatician_in_industry/>

<https://www.reddit.com/r/AskAcademia/>

<https://www.reddit.com/r/postdoc/>

<https://www.reddit.com/r/labrats/>

<https://www.reddit.com/r/socialscience/>

**Job Searching Website**

**Academic jobs:**

[EURAXESS Jobs](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/jobs/index)
EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a unique European initiative. It provides access to information and support services for researchers wishing to pursue their research careers in Europe or stay connected to it

[Jobs.ac.uk](http://www.jobs.ac.uk/)
Search international jobs in academic employment. Subscribe by Email or upload your CV. The first port of call for many in the UK

[ScienceCareers](http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/)
US biased but with opportunities globally. Easy to search

[Nature Jobs](http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/)
The world’s largest dedicated science jobs board. Advertising international science jobs

[New Scientist](https://jobs.newscientist.com/en-gb/)
New Scientist Jobs brings you all the latest science, technology and engineering jobs from across the UK and Europe

[Find a university job](http://www.findauniversityjob.com/)
Quite UK biased but with European vacancies too

[Find a postdoc](http://www.findapostdoc.com/)
FindAPostDoc is Europe's only web site dedicated solely to postdoctoral job opportunities

[Academic Positions UK](https://academicpositions.co.uk/)

**Professional associations**

Often produce bulletins and newsletters with jobs section.

**Journals and specialty website**

Make a list of the association societies, partners, and specialty sites that relate to your area of interest. If you are not sure about how to build this list, look at your institute’s website or whatever area you are in.

In reality you may not know when an advertised position will open up. You will want to have a mix of job sources coming in so you don’t miss an opportunity.

**General Job Agent Websites**

These are the largest mashup site in the UK at the moment:

<https://uk.indeed.com/>

<https://www.monster.co.uk/>

[LinkedIn Jobs](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/)

**Using Job Sites:**

1. Decided which are relevant to you
2. Sign up and save custom searches to get them to send you relevant jobs
3. Set up a routine to check regularly speciality sites that are part of your search

**Cold Contact Researching Roles and Building Network**

**Academia advice on Cold Contact**

https://www.reddit.com/r/AskAcademia/comments/i6anvn/cold\_emailing\_for\_a\_potential\_postdoc/

**Industry Research**

"Hi, I’m <name> and I’m a <field> postdoctoral researcher. I’m exploring how to apply my skills to solve problems in the <industry-type> industry. Would you have 20 mins to chat? I’d love to learn about your company and what are your biggest pain points. Thank you for your time, <name>." (industry people like the term "pain points" a lot ☺️)

**Stop, Start, Continue…**

<https://jamboard.google.com/d/1IpVNYEtKwE04kMZAwYkwRrEJL9Au97Me5p6sOKLGmQ4/edit?usp=sharing>