

The General Postgraduate Program: Courses 2017/2

C 1-4 What to Do with a PhD? Professional Orientation for PhD Students (2 CP)

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Course Description

The participants obtain information on and an overview of the requirements for various career paths outside of the academic field. The career options presented will relate both to career paths that require subject-specific knowledge and to careers focusing rather on intellectual abilities and soft skills. In learning about their own competencies, personality traits and motivators, the participants may find out more about which careers fit their respective skill sets and reflect upon their own ideas of their career goals. As a result, the participants shall be able to plan their application process strategically and efficiently.

Target Audience, Number of Participants

Doctoral candidates of Mainz University from all subjects; recommended for the last year of the doctorate. Maximum number of participants: 14 persons

Date, Time, and Venue

August 21, 2017, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m; venue: **04-432** at SB II, Colonel-Kleinmann-Weg 2 (Campus)

Topics

- Participants will get information on professional options and career paths after their Ph.D. outside academic research.
- Participants will gain an overview on the qualifications and skills that the various positions require.
- The participants will receive methods to establish their own personal profile.

Learning Results

- The participants will gain an understanding of the various requirements (qualifications and personal skills) for different positions outside academic field.
- The participants will learn how to elaborate their skills and characteristics as well as their motivators. They will learn how to match these with suitable positions or, if necessary, what adjustments to their career plans need to be made.
- The participants will acquire strategies on how to search for suitable positions and on opportunities that lie beyond the conventional job advertisement and application process.

Preparation

The participants will receive a worksheet, which will be send to them about two weeks prior to the course.

Application Details

To apply please use the **course registration form** of the GPP.

In order to be able to apply for the courses, doctoral candidates need to be **registered** with the GPP.

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