ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PHD STUDENTS & POSTDOCS

GENERAL TOOLS

Handshake: Penn’s student/employer interface giving you access to online workshops and programs, virtual employer information sessions, internship/job listings, and a tool to schedule phone or video appointments with career advisors.  
https://upenn.joinhandshake.com

Career Services website: Find community, industry, and career field resources relevant to the job search process, along with an overview of steps you can to take to make the most out of your PhD from a professional and career development perspective:  
https://careerservices.upenn.edu

Career Services blog: Learn about a wide range of career-related topics, and make sure to catch the weekly podcast “CS Radio” during the semester:  
https://careerservices.upenn.edu/blog

Canvas courses on networking, resumes, and interviewing: Get advice on networking effectively, developing customized resumes, and approaching interviewing with confidence in these online Canvas courses:  
https://canvas.upenn.edu/courses/1403347

CAREER EXPLORATION

Versatile PhD: Career Services subscribes to this web-based community so you can explore the broad diversity of careers that value a PhD and gain job-search relevant skills. Take advantage of the PhD Career Finder Tool to investigate common career paths taken by PhDs across disciplines. This tool includes Options 4 Success, an online career development program designed to help graduate students identify viable career paths, understand the link between their degrees and the professional world, and confidently manage the transition from university to high-quality professional careers  
https://careerservices.upenn.edu/resources/versatile-phd

Imagine PhD: Developed specifically for humanities and social sciences PhDs, this free, online resource provides self-assessment tools to help you evaluate your skills, interests, and values, and compare these against a wide diversity of job families that value a PhD. You can use the individual development plan tool to identify key next steps as part of your academic/professional development.  
www.imaginephd.com

myIDP: Developed specifically for STEM PhDs, this free, online resource provides self-assessment tools to help you evaluate your skills, interests, and values, and compare these against a diversity of careers that value a STEM PhD. You can use the individual development plan tool to identify key next steps as part of your professional development.  
http://myidp.sciencecareers.org

iBiology: A library of online videos and resources related to the professional and career development of scientists, and information on careers in education, industry, government, and more  
www.ibiology.org/career-development/career-exploration/

CareerExplorer: An online career matching platform that helps people find their ideal career.  
www.careerexplorer.com/edu/upenn

ChemIDP: An online tool for chemists to help them explore career options and create a plan for their own professional and career development.  
https://chemidp.acs.org

Where Historians Work: An interactive, online database that catalogues the career outcomes of the 8,523 historians who earned PhDs at US universities from 2004 and 2013.  
www.historians.org/wherehistorianswork

MLA Connected Academics: An online resource demonstrating how doctoral education can develop students’ capacities to bring their expertise in advanced humanistic study to a wide range of fulfilling, secure, and well-compensated professional situations.  
https://connect.mla.hcommons.org/

Vault Career Insider: Vault.com provides in-depth intelligence on what it’s really like to work within an industry, company, or profession—and how to position yourself to launch and build the career you want.  
https://careerservices.upenn.edu/resources/vault
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PROFESSIONAL/CAREER SKILLS BUILDING RESOURCES

**Targeted Resume:** Get instant feedback on how your resume matches job postings using this online tool; identify areas where you can highlight relevant skills more effectively.  
[https://careerservices.upenn.edu/resources/targeted-resume/](https://careerservices.upenn.edu/resources/targeted-resume/)

**Carpe Careers blog:** Hosted on the Inside Higher Ed, read this weekly blog to learn about professional and career development for PhD students –written by career advisors from institutions across the US specifically for the PhD student/postdoc population: [www.insidehighered.com/career-advice/carpe-careers](http://www.insidehighered.com/career-advice/carpe-careers)

**LinkedIn Learning:** This is an online training resource that provides instructional videos covering a wide range of software products, technologies, and business topics. [http://lynda.upenn.edu](http://lynda.upenn.edu)

**National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity:** An online professional development, training, and mentoring community for faculty members, postdocs, and graduate students.  
[https://careerservices.upenn.edu/resources/national-center-for-faculty-development-diversity](https://careerservices.upenn.edu/resources/national-center-for-faculty-development-diversity)

**InterviewStream:** Create customized, online mock interviews to practice answers to industry-specific questions. Watch recordings of yourself to develop more effective interviewing approaches.  
[https://careerservices.upenn.edu/resources/interviewstream](https://careerservices.upenn.edu/resources/interviewstream)

NETWORKING

**QuakerNet:** An online database of Penn graduates that is searchable by industry, employer name, geographical location, major, student clubs, and more. [https://quakernet.alumni.upenn.edu](https://quakernet.alumni.upenn.edu)

**LinkedIn Alumni Tool:** An interactive database of >160,000 Penn alumni/students showing their current career fields, and filterable by academic discipline, skills, and searchable by keyword. [www.linkedin.com/school/university-of-pennsylvania/people/](http://www.linkedin.com/school/university-of-pennsylvania/people/)