

# 10 WAYS TO USE PENN CAREER SERVICES FOR PHDS AND POSTDOCS

1. Schedule a 30-minute, 1-on-1 [advising appointment](#) on Handshake to discuss your future career goals and think about some helpful next steps with one of our Career Advisors
2. Activate your [Handshake account](#), complete your career interests, and fill in your “career interests” (click on your name in the top right of the page) to receive customized information on programs/events that are more tailored to you
3. Complete your Handshake profile by adding in information about your education and experiences; make it public so employers and other Penn students can see
4. Get feedback on your [LinkedIn](#) profile, and learn how to use this tool to engage with the >160,000 Penn alumni and current students who currently use LinkedIn
5. Learn about some of the career paths followed by PhDs, and see whether these align with your skills, interests, and values with [MyIDP](#) (STEM), [ImaginePhD](#) (Humanities & Social Sciences), and [VersatilePhD](#) (all)
6. Learn about faculty careers by claiming your institutional account with the [National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity](#)
7. Log in to the [Career Services website](#) with your PennKey and set up your industry preferences to get a weekly newsletter with jobs, events, and resources relevant to your job search
8. Read the [Carpe Careers blog](#) on the Inside Higher Ed website to learn about professional and career development for PhD students – it is written by career advisors from institutions across the US specifically for the PhDs and postdocs
9. Join our virtual events, like employer information sessions, coffee chats, tech talks, and career-related workshops; you can search for [these programs](#) on Handshake
10. Have quick career questions? Career Services holds [Same Day Drop-In](#) hours for phone appointments



# RESOURCES & QUICK TIPS



## Handshake

Penn's student/employer interface with access to events and appointments with career advisors



## Career Services Blog

Learn about a wide range of career-related topics and make sure to catch the "CS Radio" podcast

## CAREER SERVICES RESOURCES

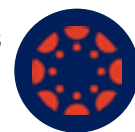
## Career Services Website

Find community and industry job search resources and log-in to receive a customized newsletter of opportunities



## Canvas Courses

Online courses on networking, resumes, and interviewing



## CAREER EXPLORATION

**[Versatile PhD](#)** Career Services subscribes to this web-based community so that 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.

**[Imagine PhD](#)** Developed specifically for humanities and social sciences PhDs, this free 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.

**[myIDP](#)** Developed specifically for STEM PhDs, this free resource provides self-assessment tools to help you evaluate your skills, interests, and values, and compare these against a wide 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 academic and professional development.

**[iBiology](#)** Successful scientists share their experiences in a variety of careers in education, industry, government, and more

**[CareerExplorer](#)** A career matching platform that helps people find their ideal career.

**[ChemIDP](#)** A tool for chemists to explore career options and create a plan for professional and career development.

**[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.

**[MLA Connected Academics](#)** 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.

**[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.

## PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND SKILL BUILDING

**[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

**[LinkedIn Learning](#)** Click "Get Services" for an online training library that provides instructional videos covering a wide range of software products, technologies, and business topics.

**[VPhD Options 4 Success](#)** A career exploration and professional development program that is designed to help graduate 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.

**[National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity](#)** An independent professional development, training, and mentoring community for faculty members, postdocs, and graduate students.

## NETWORKING

**[LinkedIn](#)** A database of >160,000 Penn alumni/students, filterable by discipline, skills, and searchable by keyword.

**[CareerShift](#)** An excellent tool to identify contacts at different organizations, build lists of organizations in different fields, and search for jobs at companies of interest.

