Helpful Nonacademic Career Exploration Resources for PhD Students

Beyond Academe (PhD’s in History)
http://www.beyonddacademe.com/
This is a great resource for PhD students in history and shares opportunities that exist for historians outside of academia. It also offers suggested internship sites for historians to use for their nonacademic career exploration related to history.

Beyond the Tenure Track
http://www.beyonddthetenuretrack.com/blog/
This is a fee based resource that provides PhD’s products and courses from Dr. Fatimah Williams Castro who is a speaker, author, and career consultant. The “blog” section is a recommended free resource where Dr. Castro writes about important topics on going beyond the tenure track and offers tips on career planning.

Chronicle
https://chroniclevitae.com/job_search/new?cid=UCHETOPNAV
This resource provides job opportunities including Faculty & Research, Administrative, Executive, and nonacademic positions.

From PhD to Life
https://fromphdtolife.com/
This is a fee based resource that offers dissertation support, and career planning outside of academia from an academic, life, and career coach named Jen Polk. A valuable and free resource on this website is the “blog” section and the “transition Q&A’s” section where Jen shares updates on clients she has helped transition into industry careers and the stressors that PhD’s might face when career planning.

Imagine PhD
https://www.imaginephd.com/
This is a free online tool that helps with exploration and planning specifically for Humanities and Social Science PhD students and postdoctoral scholars. The assessments focus on skills, interests and values and offers students the opportunity to review job families related to their results.

Minority Post Doc
http://www.minoritypostdoc.org/
This resources provides postdoctoral and professional job opportunities in areas including academia, industry, government, and nonprofit particularly for STEM students. It also including articles, career advice and resources which are published works by the nonprofit organization called Diverse Scholar.

PhD’s at Work
http://phdsatwork.com/
Provides an opportunity to connect with other PhD’s and learn from peers who have successfully transitioned from academia to industry. There are organized events where PhD’s can connect with their peers and there is a “Week in the Life” feature where PhD’s in Humanities, Science and Social Science share their day to day work in their field.

PhD in Progress
http://phdinprogress.com/

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Resources for Graduate Students

This resource is a weekly podcast that discusses graduate student related topics including how to succeed in graduate school, and how to pursue academic and nonacademic careers.

The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine
http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/rap/ (post doc)
This website shares Research Associateship Program opportunities particularly for STEM graduate students.

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
http://nrc58.nas.edu/raplab10/opportunity/Program.aspx?LabCode=50 (post doc)
This website shares Associateship Programs particularly for STEM graduate students.

PhD.org
http://www.phds.org/jobs
This resource includes great article reads for PhD students at every stage include career insight, job opportunities and interview preparation.

Princeton Review
https://www.princetonreview.com/career-search
Offers career information on various industries.

Versatile PhD
Found in SCOTLink at careers.ucr.edu under the Resources Tab.
This resource offer career information and job opportunities for PhD students in STEM and Humanities and Social Science who are searching for nonacademic careers.

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Carpe Careers
https://www.insidehighered.com/career-advice/carpe-careers
This is a section within the Inside Higher Ed resource that contains great articles reads for graduate students on various academic and career topics.

LinkedIn.com
www.linkedin.com
This resource provides company profiles and a job search engineer to search for opportunities by field or position.

National Institutes of Health
https://www.nih.gov/
This is a great resource for finding funding for research and for searching for scientific, administrative, and executive job opportunities with NIH.

The Princeton Review
https://www.princetonreview.com/career-search
This resource offers a search engine for graduate students to do research career of interest. Once a career is typed in, the search will populate to show an overview of the career path.

Resources for Skill Development

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Coursera
https://www.coursera.org/
Offers free professional development courses in areas including Arts and Humanities, Business, Computer Science, Data Science, Life Sciences, Math and Logic, Personal Development, Physical Science and Engineering, Social Sciences, and Language Learning.

EDX
https://www.edx.org/

Lynda.com
https://www.lynda.com/
Provides a 30 day free trial and provides online courses including subject matter in Software Development, Design, Business, Web Development, and Photography.

Career Resources Based on Industry for PhD and Master’s Students

Biotechnology and Pharmacology

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
https://www.aaas.org/
This is a professional international non-profit organization that focuses on advancing science globally. There is a job search database that includes opportunities for science graduate students.

BIOCOM
https://www.biocom.org/s/
This resource provides broad career development information and advice for student’s interest in biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, hospitals, health care and service companies. There is opportunities listed in post scientific and non-scientific employment opportunities.

Bionet News
http://www.bio.net/hypermail/EMPLOYMENT/
This resource is a job search engine that includes opportunities in biology.

Cell & Molecular Biology Online
http://www.cellbio.com/perspective2.html
This website provides online career resources for Bioscientists.

Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology
http://www.ibn.a-star.edu.sg/careers_at_IBN_0.php?expandable=7
This website provide cutting edge research of both bioengineering and nanotechnology. There are also research positions available.

Nature Jobs
http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/science/

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This is a worldwide career resource for scientists that includes a vast range of career opportunities, advice and information.

Science Careers
www.sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/
This resource is Science Magazine’s Next Wave and shares information on nonacademic careers particularly in STEM. A valuable section of the resource is the “Jobsnet” and “Science Careers” sections which can be located on the lower part of the website page.

The Scientist
https://www.the-scientist.com/?home.home
This resource provides career development exploration, job postings, and articles related to science.

Consulting

Association of Management Consulting Firms (AMCF)
http://www.amcf.org/
This is a great resource to search in an international database for management consulting firms.

Management Consulted
https://managementconsulted.com/about/
This resource focuses on a wide range of consulting topics including recruitment, networking and how to get started in a consulting career.

Physical Science and Engineering

American Institute of Physics
https://www.aip.org/career-resources
This website offers career resources for the physical science community at every degree and career level.

Engineering Jobs.com
https://www.engineerjobs.com/
This resource provides a job search engine for various fields of engineering.

Finance for Physicists
http://guava.physics.uiuc.edu/~nigel/finance.html
This resource offers career information on how physicists can find opportunities in Wall Street.

IEEE Spectrum
https://spectrum.ieee.org/
This resource offers career information on advancing technology and focuses on engineering concentrations including Aerospace, Biomedical, Computing, Energy, Gadgets, Green Tech, Robotics, Semiconductors, Telecom, and Transportation. It also includes career opportunities and events for members.

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The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
http://www.asme.org/career-education/career-development
ASME is a not for profit professional organization that offers career information and networking in industry.

Finance

Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP)
http://www.garp.org/#!/home
This is a leading professional association for risk managers and it provides education, training and best practices.

QuantFinanceJobs.com
http://www.quantfinancejobs.com/
This resource lists global job opportunities particularly in areas such as financial engineering, quantitative finance, and risk management.

Testing Hypotheses on the Stock Market (Article from a Science PhD to a Career in Investment Banking)
http://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2006/05/testing-hypotheses-stock-market
This article is written by Anne Ford and provides insight into how a PhD Science professional decided to go into Investment Banking. Questions are asked on career decision making, transferrable skills and applying PhD education to career path.

Government

Best Places to Work in the Federal Government
http://bestplacestowork.org/BPTW/index.php
This information is produced by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service and Deloitte and it offers rankings of the best places to work in government.

Federal Job Search
https://www.federaljobsearch.com/
This resource provides a job search engine to search for federal job opportunities by keywords and location.

Government Jobs in California
http://caljobsource.com/gov.html
This resource provides state and federal job links as well as opportunities within city and county jobs.

NASA Space Technology Research Fellowship
https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/
This resource provides research opportunities in Science and Technology.

Presidential Management Fellows
https://www.pmf.gov/
Under the US Office of Personnel Management, the PMF is a leadership development program that is offered for advanced degrees candidates.

Student Jobs

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https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/students/
This resource provides graduate student opportunities within the Federal Government.

The Washington DC Job Source
http://dcjobsource.com/fed.html
This resource provides a list of federal resources when searching for opportunities by agency

USAJobs
https://www.usajobs.gov/
This is a portal for federal job openings in the US government

Higher Education

American Educational Research Association
http://www.aera.net/
Offers opportunities in education research, administration and practice.

Chronicle of Higher Education
http://chronicle.com/jobCategory/Administrative/88
Provides information of administrative positions within academia.

Education Week
https://www.edweek.org/ew/index.html
Great resource for current educators in administration, curriculum and consultants.

HigherEdJobs.com
https://www.higheredjobs.com/
This resource has various opportunities specifically in college and university positions.

International

Going Global
Can be found in SCOTLink and has country-specific and USA city-specific career opportunities information.

NewChinaCareers.com
http://www.newchinacareer.com/
Provides opportunities from companies and agencies in China.

OverseasJobs.com
http://www.overseasjobs.com/
This resource provides a job search database for international and overseas opportunities.

Museums

American Association of Museums
http://www.aam-us.org/home#careers
This resource includes allies from various types of museums including museums art history, science military and maritime, youth, aquariums, zoos, botanical gardens, arboretums, historic sites, science and
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technology centers, museum-service companies, state museum associations and regional museum associations.

Global Museum
http://www.globalmuseum.org/
This resource provides museum career opportunities in the U.S. and abroad.

The Museum Employment Resource Center
http://www.globalmuseum.org/
Offers a list of opportunities within museum work, heritage management, and cultural resource communities.

Non-Profit

Change.org
This is a social change platform that offers opportunities to get involved in causes. There is a job search engine where opportunities can be searched by keyword, job category, job type, work experience, and cause.

Environmental Career Opportunities
http://www.ecojobs.com/
This resource provides as job search engine to search for environmental opportunities.

Idealist.org
https://www.idealist.org/en/?sort=relevance&type=ALL
This resource offers opportunities in nonprofit work including internships jobs and volunteer positions globally.

Independent Sector
http://www.independentsector.org/
This resource is the only national membership organization that incorporates nonprofits, foundations, and corporations to advance the common good.

Mastering Your PhD, Exploring Non-profit organizations Journal Science
http://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2008/05/mastering-your-phd-exploring-nonprofit-organizations
This is a great article that offers advice on what a nonprofit career has to offer.

Opportunity Knocks
https://www.workforgood.org/
This job board is focused on the nonprofit sector.

Peak Grant Making
https://www.peakgrantmaking.org/
This website offers resources for grant managers, grant makers and anyone with interest to maximize philanthropic impact and learn best practices in grant making.

Sustainable Business
http://www.sustainablebusiness.com/greendreamjobs/jobs/

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This website offers green industry career information and a job search engineer to search for green jobs.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy
https://www.philanthropy.com/
This resource provides career information in nonprofit work and has a job search database that can be used to search for opportunities in fundraising, administrative, executive level and programming.

Work for Good
https://www.workforgood.org/
This resource provides a job search engine to search for positions in non-profit as well as career information.

Patent Law

American Intellectual Property Law Association
http://www.aipla.org/Pages/default.aspx
The AIPLA is a national bar association that includes both private and corporate practice lawyers and is a leader in intellectual property. There is a job search engine that can be used to search for legal opportunities.

Jobs Law 360
https://www.law360.com/
This resource offers opportunities to search in intellectual property (IP) and patent jobs

Martindale.com
http://www.martindale.com/
This is a job search engine for lawyers and law firms.

Morrison & Foerster (MoFo)
https://careers.mofo.com/about/
This is a global firm that offers resources to become a leader in corporate finance, litigation, trials and appeals, intellectual property, regulatory enforcement, tax and industry.

United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)
https://www.uspto.gov/
This website is the Federal agency for granting U.S. patents and registering trademarks. It offers job and career opportunities as a patent agent, examiner, or corporate positions in intellectual property (IP).

Publishing and Media

Book Jobs
http://www.bookjobs.com/
This resource provides information on the publishing industry and offers recruiting of the best and the brightest college graduates around the country-graduates from all ethnic and social backgrounds and all areas of study.

Communication Arts Network
https://www.commarts.com/
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This resource is a leading trade journal specifically for visual communications and offers job opportunities, company and information by industry. There is also opportunities to enter into competitions to get recognition of work in visual communications.

Editor & Publisher
http://jobs.editorandpublisher.com/jobs/
This resource is an authoritative journal that offers information on the North American newspaper industry. It provides a job search engine that can be used to search for opportunities in advertising and marketing, college/university, education/training, newspaper, publishing, sales and business development.

Investigative Reporters & Editors Job Center
https://www.ire.org/jobs/
This resource provides job opportunities for journalists.

J-Jobs
https://journalism.berkeley.edu/jobs
This resource is from UC Berkeley and it offers job opportunities across the US in journalism, media, and broadcasting.

JournalismJobs.com
This resource offers job opportunities, resume examples and career information in writing.

Magazine Publishers of America
http://www.magazine.org/magazine-careers/
This resource offers Job and internship opportunities in magazine publishing.

Research Institutes

National Laboratories & Technology Centers
https://energy.gov/jobs/jobs
The US Department of Energy's laboratories and technology centers house world-class facilities where more than 30,000 scientists and engineers perform cutting-edge research. This is a job opportunity search engine where nationwide open positions can be found as well as a jobs blog on career information.

Regional Educational Laboratories Network
https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/
This resource includes 10 laboratories that offer access to research and best practices at the state, local and regional level. The laboratories partner with school districts, state departments of education, and other stakeholders to use data and research to improve education for students.

WestEd
https://www.wested.org/
This is a regional laboratory located in San Francisco and it offers opportunities within technical assistance, administration, educational evaluation and research.

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Technology

ComputerWork.com
This resource offers a job search engine to search for opportunities within technology.

Dice.com
https://insights.dice.com/
This resource offers career information and job opportunities within the technology industry.

Non-Government Agencies (NGO’s)

Global Think Tank Watch (GTT Watch)
http://gttwatch.jp/search/prw/top.php
This resource is a world of policy research database and analysis by selected think tanks worldwide.

National Institute for Research Advancement World Directory of Think Tanks
This resource is a database of global public policy institutes.

Policy Experts (Heritage Foundation)
http://policyexperts.org/organizations/organizations.cfm
This is an inside guide to public policy experts and organizations.

Think Tank Search
https://guides.library.harvard.edu/hks/think_tank_search/US
This website offers a google custom search of over 690 think tanks and research centers through the Harvard Kennedy School website.

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Health Policy Fellowships
https://www.kff.org/search/?s=fellowships
This resource is a database that lists links to fellowships and internship opportunities in health policy and related fields.

Rand Corporation
https://www.rand.org/
This resource is a nonprofit research institution that develops public policy challenges to improve the world through research and analysis.

State PIRGs
https://jobs.uspirg.org/index_p.html
This resource provides job and internship opportunities in state public interest research groups.

Writing and Editing

American Medical Writers Association
http://www.amwa.org/
This is a resource for members and it includes career opportunities and a chance for freelance writers to list themselves within the directory.
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Association of American University Presses
http://www.aaupnet.org/
This is a resource for members and it includes upcoming events, industry information and career opportunities.

Council of Science Editors
https://www.counci1scienceeditors.org/
This resource offers job opportunities and career information.

Guru
https://www.guru.com/d/jobs/
This is a job search engine that includes freelance writer opportunities.

National Association of Science Writers
https://www.nasw.org/
This resource offers career information on how to pursue a career as a science writer.

Society for Technical Communication
https://www.stc.org/
This is a resource for members and offers job opportunities and annual salary survey.

Society of Environmental Journalist
http://www.sej.org/
This website includes current topics on environment-related issues and offers website resources on job opportunities within journalism.

The Educational Foundation of America
https://theefa.org/
This foundation provides efforts to fund nonprofits working efforts specific to climate, democracy, creative placemaking, and reproductive health and justice. This website welcomes submissions of new projects related to these areas.

The Write Jobs
https://www.writerswrite.com/writejobs/
This resource offers job opportunities for freelance writers, journalists and technical writers.

Writers Weekly
http://writersweekly.com/find-paying-markets
This resource provides career information and job opportunities.

Writing World
http://www.writing-world.com/
This resource offers career information from how to get started in industry as a writer to specific resources of the different styles of writing.

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