SESSION INFORMATION  

*Room numbers shown in brackets

Please refer to the ‘What are the sessions about?’ document to find out more about each session.

Please refer to ‘Panellist Profiles’ and ‘Panellists by Discipline’ documents to find out more about who is in which session.

**Session 1: 9.45am**

Academic roles for Engineering & Physical Sciences (C2)
Academic roles for Humanities (E7)
Academic roles for Medical, Human & Life Sciences (F14)
Fitting work into your life (F1)
Fancy running a University? Non-academic roles for PhDs (D1)
Commercialising research, entrepreneurship and starting a business (D7)
It’s OK to change your mind! (E1)

**Session 2: 11.15am**

Which is better - industry or academia (D7)
A PhD in Humanities – where could it lead? (E7)
A PhD in Science and Engineering - where could it lead? (C2)
Educating others – schools, universities, professionals (F14)
I’ve been a postdoc – here’s my story (D1)
Marketing your skills and your PhD (C9)
Broadening your horizons: Working overseas (E1)

**Session 3: 12.15pm**

What are the opportunities to use my expertise to work as a Consultant (C2)
Should I stay or should I go? Options for International students who wish to work in the UK after their studies (E7)
A PhD in Biology, Medicine and Health – where could it lead? (F14)
I’ve done things unrelated to my PhD – so can you! (D1)
You don’t just have to work in academia to be a researcher or use your discipline (E1)
Academic Roles: pushing the boundaries (D2)
Making a difference through our work / Social Responsibility (F1)

**Afternoon Plenary Sessions:**

2pm  What do employers/recruiters look for in PhD applicants? room C16

3pm  Managing your career in an uncertain world, by Jen Allanson, room C16

**Turn over for example questions to ask the panels**
EXAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL

In order to get the most out of the sessions today, please spend a few moments before the start of the event to think about what kind of questions you would like to ask our panels. Below is a list of questions you may find useful to refer to.

- At what point in your PhD or research position did you / should you really begin to think about the next step in your career?
- How did you decide on which careers to follow – what other careers did you consider or would you consider as a next step?
- What other jobs, within your organisation, do you know of which have been filled by researchers who have a PhD?
- How did you go about the process of looking for employment?
- What would you recommend researchers did to increase their chances of employment?
- What top tip would you give to someone about how to advance their career?
- How did you successfully market a PhD (and postdoctoral research) to potential employers? Would you do anything different with the knowledge that you have now?
- How are PhD qualified researchers perceived in the job market?
- At interview what types of questions were you asked about your research? If you were interviewing a researcher what questions would you ask?
- What was your first job after your PhD?
- How did you find that job?
- Was that job what you expected? What was different?
- Did you use the skills and knowledge from your research in your first job? Do you use these skills in your current role?
- What did you learn during your PhD and/or postdoctoral positions which was useful in your first job?
- Is there anything you learnt during your time in research which you use in your current job?
- Is there anything you wish you had learnt or done during your time in research which would have helped your career?