Career Perspectives Series
Planning for your career after your PhD!
The Career Perspectives Series* can help you answer these important questions.

We provide a series of courses and workshops to guide you in developing your soft-skills as a PhD researcher and how you can employ these skills towards a successful professional career after your PhD. Near the end of your PhD, why not try out a short internship at a company to see if a career option is right for you?

Career Perspectives Series is open to all PhDs at the University of Groningen. The programme is divided into CPS courses and CPS workshops, with three focus areas: general topics for all PhDs, inside academia, and outside academia.

* Courses and Workshops are developed in the framework of the PhD Scholarship Programme. All PhD students at the UG and UMCG can participate, but PhD Scholarship Students are given registration priority and can benefit from low registration fees.

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What career options do I have with my PhD degree?

How can I prepare for a career inside or outside of academia?

Where can I apply my research skills to other professional careers?

CPS Courses are generally one to three full days of training. The core of our programme is My Future Career, aimed at PhD students in the mid-phase of their PhD studies. This two-and-a-half-day course is intended to give you greater insight into your qualities and character and a better idea of the opportunities on the job market, thereby creating a firmer basis on which to make decisions about your future career.

CPS Courses

General
- Woman’s path to Leadership.
- My Future Career

Inside Academia Track
- Grant Writing Part 1: Beginners Guide to Grant Writing
- Grant Writing Part 2: From Chaos to Focus – How to develop your own research plan.

Outside Academia Track
- Entrepreneurship
- Start to Teach

CPS Workshops

General
- Storytelling
- Media Training
- Assertiveness now and at your new job
- What can HR do for you at your next job
- Teamwork and team selection

Outside-Academia Track
- Entrepreneurship – an introduction.
- Consultancy and Case Training.
- Working Perspectives at a University of Applied Sciences (Hogeschool).

Inside Academia Track
- Grant Writing Part 3: Rubicon Grant Writing Training.
- Grant Writing Part 4: Writing your Grant like a Pro.

Outside Academy Track
- Venture Lab North
Having PhDs from all faculties is really interesting. It is good to get out of your comfort zone and good to get to know people that have different ideas.

I do not feel lost and scared of job hunting anymore. I feel much more optimistic and realistic about finding a job. Also I know what jobs to look for and how and where!

Before the course I had some vague idea about what next, but the course really helped to formulate my goals and motivations.

I now have a good overview of my strengths and weaknesses. Moreover it triggered me to think critically about my development and about jobs that satisfy my needs.