

# ADEPT careers conference for Doctoral Researchers 2010

- Monday 21 June: keynote presentations, careers workshops, exhibition and networking
- Tuesday 22 June: College-focused careers events and workshops
- Wednesday 23 June: careers and employability workshops

## Monday 21 June: keynote presentations, careers workshops, exhibition and networking

The conference will open on Monday 21 June with keynote presentations on understanding what employers are looking for and how you can find the critical balance for career success, followed by an exhibition and networking lunch, a number of skills workshops, and the doctoral research film of the year event. See below for the full programme for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of June.

### 11.00-11.20: Registration to Monday Sessions

Avon Room, University Centre

Open to all doctoral researchers across University and staff working with doctoral researchers (Limited number of places for PGT students interested in research careers and Post-Docs).

### 11.20-13.00: Keynote presentations

Avon Room, University Centre

1. **11.20-11.35: Welcome address and the vision of the University in the areas of research excellence and knowledge transfer.**  
[Professor Judith Petts, Pro-Vice-Chancellor \(Research and Knowledge Transfer\)](#)
2. **What businesses want from Doctoral Researchers** - Peter Forbes, compiler CIHE Talent Fishing report for Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (Report available at: <http://www.cihe.co.uk/talent-fishing-what-businesses-want-from-postgraduates>)
3. **Developing the critical balance for career success** - Jane Hunt, Experiential business learning and mentoring specialist, Academy for Chief Executives. [Read Jane's career biography.](#)

### 13.00 - 14.00: Lunch and Networking

Avon Room, University Centre

Exhibition stands: CEC, Talent Pool/EI, Colleges, GS, research video showcase, Employers  
Lunch will be followed by concurrent skills workshops (Sign up required)

### 13:00 - 16:30: Doctoral Research Film of the Year Showcase

Avon Room Coffee Lounge, University Centre

The films contending for this year's Doctoral Research Film of the Year Award will be playing in the Avon Room Coffee Lounge and you are welcome to drop in to watch them between your other sessions. Staff and students involved in the New Media and Public Engagement training course that prepared the contenders for the competition through practical film making and media training will also be available to discuss what the course entailed and the role of new media and knowledge transfer in the research world of the 21st century. The awards ceremony will take

place at 16:00 at which the winning films will be shown and the prizes awarded (please see below, all welcome).

**14.00 - 16.00: Workshop One: Entrepreneurship/Consultancy; Take a dive in to the Talent Pool**

**Entrepreneurship and Innovation Workshop (CEC).**

Avon Room, University Centre

For doctoral researchers who are interested to find out more about working as a consultant and ensuring they are ready for the market place.

Facilitator: Gurpreet Jagpal, Talent Pool Programme Manager.

**14.00 - 15.30: Workshop Two: ADEPT Workshop for International Doctoral Researchers What UK Employers expect of International Doctoral Researchers (CEC).**

LG33, Learning Centre

The session will look at the expectations of employers, skills they require, the issues involved in making the transition from the University environment to the graduate market, cultural variance and will discuss the effect of the changing immigration situation for international students wishing to work in the UK.

**14.00 - 15.30: Workshop Three: ADEPT Interview Skills: Make an Impact (CEC).**

LG34, Learning Centre

Make an impact in academic and non-academic interviews. Particularly useful for those doctoral researchers graduating this year.

Facilitator to be confirmed.

**16:00 - 16:30: Doctoral Research Film of the Year Awards Ceremony**

Avon Room Coffee Lounge, University Centre

The contenders for this year's Doctoral Research Film of the Year Award (please see above) will be discuss how the media training provided by the university has helped to prepare them for their careers, whether in the University sector or as researchers in other sectors. The two runners up and the winning film will then be shown and the prizes will be awarded.

## Tuesday 22 June: College-focused careers events and workshops

A series of workshops and events focused on your College.

- **College of Arts and Law**  
Talks on range of careers including publishing, the cultural sector, marketing and an opportunity to secure funded work experience.  
See below for the full event programme for the College of Arts and Law  
10.00-16.00  
Arts Lecture Theatre, Arts Building
- **College of Engineering and Physical Sciences**  
Employer Fair, Careers Advice and a Talent Pool workshop to ensure you are ready for the market.  
See below for the full event programme for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences  
11.00 - 15.00  
The Design Centre, Mechanical and Civil Engineering Building
- **College of Medical and Dental Sciences**  
Presentations from the NHS, Astra Zeneca, a patent attorney and a science writer, networking opportunities and much more.  
See below for the full event programme for the College of Medical and Dental Sciences  
9.00 - 16.00  
Leonard Deacon Lecture Theatre, The Medical School
- **College of Social Sciences**  
Career planning workshop followed by presentations to share an academic and alumni perspective.  
See below for the full event programme for the College of **Social Sciences**  
11.00 - 16.00  
Room 108, The Business School
- **College of Life and Environmental Sciences**  
Alumni talks and networking providing practical tips for a successful career in academia, business, public services or NGOs.  
See below for the full event programme for the College of Life and Environmental Sciences  
14.00 - 17.00  
The Avon Room, University Centre

## **CAL: Alternative Research Careers and Funded Work Experience Placements**

### **10.00 - 4.30, 22 June, Arts Building**

The day will include, talks on range of careers including publishing, the cultural sector, marketing and an opportunity to secure funded work experience.

### **Programme**

#### **10.00 - 16.30, Arts First Floor Landing**

Bring along your CV for tailored advice

Drop in careers advice

Meet the employers and alumni: networking opportunities

Coffee and tea available

#### **10.00 - 16.30, Drop in sessions: Arts Main Lecture Theatre**

##### **Session One: 10.30 - 12.00**

Chairs: Holly Prescott and Sarah Parker, Doctoral Researchers in School of English, Drama and American and Canadian Studies

##### **10.30**

##### **Beyond Academia: Alternative Research Careers**

Christopher Packham

##### **11.00**

##### **Career Opportunities in Publishing and Literature**

Alan Mahar, Publishing Director, Tindal Street Press

##### **11.15**

##### **Funded Business Development Opportunities in Arts and Law**

Gino Bellavia

##### **11.30**

##### **'For the love of it!' - Careers in the Heritage Industry**

Dr Tim Jenkins, Museums Manager, Shrewsbury Museums and Much Wenlock

##### **11.45 - 12.00**

Questions

##### **12.00 – 13.00**

**Lunch and Refreshments (Provided)**

##### **Session Two: 13.00 – 14.30**

Chairs: Clare Watters and Alex Standen, Doctoral Researchers in School of Languages, Cultures, Art History and Music

**13.00**

**University Administration Careers**

Dr Catherine Mills

**13.15**

**Funded Widening Participation Opportunities in Arts and Law**

Dr Lisa Alberici

**13.45**

**Careers in the Cultural Sector**

Clare Mullett

**14.00**

**Careers in the Theatre Industry**

Elizabeth Kay, Freelance Production Manager

**14.15-14.30**

**Questions**

**14.30**

**Tea and coffee break**

**Session Three: 15.00 - 16.30**

Chairs: Emma Southon and Rebecca Day, Doctoral Researchers in the Institute of Archaeology and Antiquity

**15.00**

**Careers in Academic Publishing**

Fiona Bowler, Journals Publishing Editor, Taylor and Francis

**15.15**

**Careers in Academia**

Dr Gareth Sears

**15.30**

**Public and Private Sector Marketing Careers**

Carly Machin and Jacqueline Donaldson

**15.45**

**Careers in Local Government and Summary of Alumni Destinations**

Dr Marion Fleming Froy

**16.15-16.30**  
**Questions**

**16.30**  
**End of Day**

# Engineering and Physical Sciences PhD Careers Day

## Programme

11.00 - 14.00: **EPS Employer Fair and Networking**, Civ/Mech Eng Design Centre

Companies attending include:

- [IBM](#)
- [Imagination Technologies](#)
- [Jaguar Land Rover](#)
- [Marks & Clerk](#)
- [Matchtech](#)
- [Tessella](#)

11.00 - 13.00: **1 to 1 careers advice**, Civ/Mech Eng Design Centre

11.00 - 14.00: **1 to 1 CV advice**, Civ/Mech Eng Design Centre

12.30 - 13.00: **Buffet Lunch**

13.00 - 14.00: **Applications & Interviews Workshop**, Civ/Mech Eng, G26

13.00 - 14.00: **A Career in Academia**,

14.00 - 16.00: **Talent Pool Workshop**, Civ/Mech Eng, G26

16.00: End

## **Life and Environmental Sciences**

### **Doctoral research with a focus - get ready for your career, real experience talks with Alumni**

Alumni talks and networking providing practical tips for a successful career in academia, business, public services or NGOs.

This event is open to all doctoral researchers on a drop in basis

#### **Programme:**

**Tuesday 22 June, 14.00 - 17.20: Avon Room, University Centre**

**13.30 – 13.40: Arrival and Welcome – Wilber/Aksel**

**13.40 – 13.50: Opening remarks: What is ADEPT? – Jayne Sharples**

**13.50 – 14.00: Opening remarks: Planning your career – Prof. Chris Thomas**

**14.00 – 14.40: Careers in Academia – Practical tips for a successful career in academia;**  
Senior alumni in academia

**14.40 – 15.20: Careers in Industry and Business – What skills are corporate employers looking for in doctoral graduates; can I start my own business?** Senior alumni in Industry/business

**15.20 – 15.40: Coffee/Tea break**

**15.40 – 16.20: Careers in Government/NGOs – Translating doctoral research skills to a successful career in government or an NGO;** Senior alumni in Government/NGOs

**16.20 – 17.20: Social and Networking Event with a buffet, and live music show.**

**Wednesday 23 June, 12.30 - 14.00: Life and Environmental Sciences (LES) CV drop in.**

Undercroft, Biosciences building

a drop in CV checking and advice service for LES doctoral researchers



# **Medical and Dental Sciences - Life After Submission, What to do with Your PhD**

## **College of Medical and Dental Sciences event programme**

**22nd June 2010, 9.00 - 17.00: Leonard Deacon Lecture Theatre and Common Room**

**9.00 - 9.30: Arrival and coffee**

**9.30 - 10.15: Welcome address:** Dr Ben Willcox  
University of Birmingham

**Careers Services available within the university:** Sharon Winders  
University of Birmingham

**Alumni Services available within the university:** Michelle Morgan  
University of Birmingham

**10.15-11.00: A career as a Clinical Scientist in Genetics:** Rachel Coleman  
West Midlands regional Genetics Laboratory

**Working for the Health Protection Agency:** Dr Katie Hardy  
West Midlands Public Health Lab

**11.00 - 11.30: Coffee break**

**11.30-12.00: Teaching in Higher Education:** Dr Alison Cooper  
University of Birmingham

**12.00 - 12.30: A career as a Patent Attorney:** Dr Jennifer Shields  
Marks & Clerk LLP

**12.30 - 14.00: Lunch and exhibition**

**14.00 - 15.30: Life as a Research Scientist in the Pharmaceutical Industry:** Dr Mike  
Trevethick  
Pfizer

**Working for AstraZeneca:** Dr Finnuala Lonsdale  
AstraZeneca

**Life in a smaller biotech firm:**  
The Binding Site

**15.30-16.00 Coffee break**

16.00-16.30 **Scientific Writing and communications:**  
CMC science communications group

16.30-17.00 **MRC presentation:** Dr Paula Clements  
Medical Research Council

Please register your interest by emailing [mdsphd@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:mdsphd@contacts.bham.ac.uk) or join the event on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=120353564662344>

**23rd June 2010: Lecture Theatre 4 (Please Note, the venue of this workshop has changed from the Leonard Deacon Lecture Theatre to Lecture Theatre 4)**

12.00-13.30: **Career Planning workshop:** Sharon Winders  
Stuck over which of the many career possibilities to choose from after your PhD finishes? In this session find out what your strengths are and take steps towards identifying a career path that suits your skills and ambitions, regardless of whether you are planning to stay in research, academia or enter a completely different career.

## **ADEPT Social Sciences Careers Day: Researching for Impact**

Researching for Impact in Social Sciences will start with a Workshop on Career Planning to help you assess your options and plan for your future. There will also be careers focused talks by academics and alumni, followed by networking opportunities.

This event is open to all doctoral researchers on a drop in basis

### **Programme**

**11.00 - 11.05: Arrival and Welcome** – Saeed Alshamy

**11.05 - 11.15: ADEPT (Vision & Values)** – Jayne Sharples

**11.15 – 12.45: ADEPT Career Planning Workshop** – Margaret Flynn

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**12.45 - 13.45: Lunch and networking**

**13.45 - 15.05: Alumni Event**

**13.45 – 14.00: What’s my specialism? A ‘flexible’ academic career journey**

Dr.Kate Thomson, Senior Lecturer Sociology & Health Policy  
Birmingham City University

**14.05 – 14.20: ‘How training in academic and social area helps me to develop my career?’**

Fei Beng, Centre for Research on the Economy and the Workplace (CREW)  
Birmingham Business School

**14.25 – 14.40: ‘My journey to an academic career’**

Dr.Harish Mehra, Senior Equity & Diversity Officer, Birmingham City Council

**14.45- 15.00: ‘Careers in the Research Councils’**

Rachel Tyrrell, Principal Policy Manager & Deputy Team Head  
ESRC

**15.05 - 16.00: ‘Researching for Impact’**

Professor Stephen Gorard  
University of Birmingham

**16.00 – 16.30 Networking**

## **Wednesday 23 June: careers and employability workshops**

### **11.00 - 12.30: ADEPT Workshop Four: CV Writing and online routes to finding a job (CEC)**

Room UG04, The Learning Centre

A session packed with hints and tips about writing a CV. The session will cover how to present a CV, whether for academic jobs, research or more general applications. Online routes to finding a job and presenting your CV online are increasingly the norm. The session will also provide tips to help ensure you are up to speed.

### **12.00 - 13.30: Medical and Dental Sciences (MDS) ADEPT Career Planning Workshop (CEC)**

Lecture Theatre 4, The Medical School (Please Note, the venue of this workshop has changed from the Leonard Deacon Lecture Theatre to Lecture Theatre

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### **14.00 - 1500: ADEPT Conference closing session - What the university sector will look like in 10-15 years**

Cillian Ryan, Muirhead Tower G15 (a joint session with the Learning and Teaching Conference). Doctoral researchers are warmly invited.