

Academic mobility and dual career planning



This workshop is open to female and male PhD students and postdocs.

Description and objectives

Academic mobility comes in two main flavours: accepting a research position abroad, and short-term travelling for collaborations, meetings or fieldwork. Both can provide great opportunities as well as challenges, especially with children involved. Mobility can be an important factor for success in an academic career, and is nowadays even seen as an essential requirement in many cases.

We will discuss opportunities, challenges and impact of academic mobility. Participants will receive information and feedback on how to organize a move abroad and short-term travelling. They will be encouraged to self-reflect in order to make a grounded decision regarding mobility in their own lives.

Objectives:

- Find creative solutions to balance private goals and your family situation with travel requirements
- Understand opportunities, challenges and impact of academic mobility
- Have practical information on how to find a position abroad and how to prepare for an international move
- Have stronger basis to decide on how mobile you want to be as scientists.

Approach

Theoretical input will alternate with individual, pair and group work.

Trainer

Sarah Blackford, academic careers specialist

Number of participants	16
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Registration opening	25 th August 2017
Duration	1 day
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