Dear Graduate Students,

Concerned about the academic job market? Thinking about non-academic careers or careers away from the bench? A new resource has been purchased by the Indiana University Graduate School for you that demystifies these careers, revealing many interesting professions that can utilize the skills you are developing in graduate school. The Versatile PhD is a web-based resource that you can use anytime, from any computer, confidentially.

On VersatilePhd.com you will find:

- A thriving, supportive web-based community where you can participate in discussions, network with PhDs and ABDs outside the academy, or just listen and learn

- HIRED: Authentic resumes and cover letters that got real PhDs their first jobs away from the faculty track, with detailed analysis that describes how they made the non-academic pivot and shows the application and hiring process step by step

- BIO: Inspiring first-person stories by experienced non-academic PhDs describing how their careers evolved over several years after moving out of the academy, including promotions, advancement, and signature accomplishments

- PANEL: Detailed inside information on a wide range of specific PhD-friendly careers provided by PhDs in those careers, along with their answers to grad student questions. Past topics include Freelance Writing and Editing, Higher Education Consulting, Management Consulting, Federal Government and University Administration.

Because you are a student of Indiana University you get access to the PhD Career Finder where those high-quality written materials are stored.

To access Versatile PhD, go to vphd.info/IUB_go, which will direct you to the Versatile PhD launch page on the University Graduate School website. Click on the login button, authenticate with your IU username and passphrase, create an account and you are in!

In addition to this resource, and those provided by your department or school, you can also find career resources through the Career Development Center (cdc.indiana.edu), which provides services for graduate students, as well as undergraduates.

Happy exploring!

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