Alt-Ac Career Resources

These resources can help you consider alternatives to traditional faculty careers, both inside the academy and beyond. Links to them can be found at http://brown.edu/sheridan/consultations/alt-ac-career-resources.

General resources

• **The Repurposed Ph.D.: Finding Life After Academia – and Not Feeling Bad About It**
  This November 2013 *New York Times* article focuses on the emergence of alt-ac careers as a national trend and highlighted efforts universities are making to support graduate students as they explore career options.

• **Outside Academia: Finding a Job in Industry, Business, or Non-Profits**
  This publication from Brown’s CareerLAB addresses topics such as making the transition to a career outside the academy; self-assessment; career exploration; interning, volunteering and shadowing; locating job opportunities; and the application process.

• **The Versatile PhD**
  This website, to which Brown University subscribes, is designed to help graduate students identify, prepare for and excel in possible non-academic careers. Your Brown affiliation provides access to real-life examples of PhDs and ABDs who went into each of the careers portrayed: their stories, advice, inside information about their fields, and the actual resumes and cover letters they used to get their first post-academic jobs.

• **Beyond the Academy**
  These blog posts from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* address aspects of seeking jobs outside academia.

• “**The Ph.D.’s Guide to a Nonfaculty Job**”
  This *Chronicle of Higher Education* article provides suggestions for how to begin searching for a nonfaculty job.

• “**The #alt-ac Track: Negotiating Your ‘Alternative Academic’ Appointment**”
  This *Chronicle of Higher Education* article offers advice, intended primarily for humanities scholars, about negotiating alternative academic appointments in higher education.

Resources for humanists

• **#Alt-Academy**
  The goal of this MediaCommons project is to foster community-building and networked scholarly communication among humanities scholars around the theme of unconventional or alternative academic careers for people with academic training.

• **Beyond Academe**
  Created by historians to help others in their field think broadly about their career options but also of use to scholars from other fields, this site introduces career options outside of the academy.

Resources for scientists

• **Science Careers booklets**
  *Science Careers* from the journal *Science* offers a number of free online booklets designed to help scientists consider and prepare for various career paths.

• **Naturejobs**
  *Naturejobs* from the journal *Nature* features job listings and articles about academic and non-academic jobs.

• **Nonacademic Careers**
  This section of the PhDs.org website features resources on careers in science policy, science journalism, finance and investments, and management consulting, and on business school for scientists.

Resources at Brown

• **Brown Executive Scholars Training Program (BEST)**
  Sponsored by the Graduate School and the Office of Institutional Diversity, this program is designed to help prepare advanced master’s students and doctoral candidates for careers in higher education administration. Every fall, 8-10 graduate students are chosen to participate in this 12-week mentored, education and training program.