Higher Education Basics:
What You Should Know if You Are Interested in an Academic Career

These resources can help you learn more about the landscape of higher education in America, the academic job market and how you might plan ahead for it.

**Online resources**
- "Learning the Lingo" explains many of the terms commonly used in higher education in America.
- "Getting Psyched Up for the Market" outlines some basic things to consider as one prepares to go on the academic job market.
- "Academic Job Searching for Dummies (or, 10 Easy Ways to Avoid Unemployment)" describes ten basic strategies for success on the academic job market.
- "The Hiring Process from the Other Side" provides a detailed description of the job search process from the perspective of the department/institution seeking to make a hire.

Links to the above resources and additional resources for the academic job market can be found on the Sheridan Center's website at [http://brown.edu/sheridan/consultations/academic-job-market-resources](http://brown.edu/sheridan/consultations/academic-job-market-resources).

**Print resources**
The following titles are all available in the Sheridan Center's Resource Library:
- *Behind the Academic Curtain: How to Find Success and Happiness with a PhD*, by Frank F. Furstenberg (University of Chicago Press, 2013)

**Campus support: programming**

**Academic Career Roundtable Series**
Featuring faculty from a variety of colleges and universities, this Sheridan Center series is designed to give participants a chance to learn about the many different ways faculty careers can unfold at different institutions.

**Academic Job Search Series**
This Sheridan Center/CareerLAB series addresses topics such as CVs & cover letters, cultivating an online presence, interviewing, negotiating an offer, careers in higher education: alternatives to faculty positions, and preparing now for next year’s market.

**Yearlong Professional Development Seminar**
Participants develop teaching portfolios, cover letters, CVs and interview & presentation skills for the academic job market. Prerequisite: Sheridan Certificate I.

See the [Sheridan Center's website](http://brown.edu/sheridan) to learn more about these programs.

**Campus support: consultations**

**Cover letters & CVs, mock interviews**: CareerLAB ([Beverly_Ehrich@brown.edu](mailto:Beverly_Ehrich@brown.edu))

**Teaching statements & teaching portfolios**: Sheridan Center
- Humanities & Social Sciences: [Laura_Hess@brown.edu](mailto:Laura_Hess@brown.edu)
- Life & Physical Sciences: [Carie_Cardamone@brown.edu](mailto:Carie_Cardamone@brown.edu)

**Any written materials**: Writing Center (J. Walter Wilson #213)

**Upcoming programming**

**Preparing Now for Next Year’s Market**
- Humanities & Social Sciences: Tuesday, May 13th 12-1pm, Sheridan Center
- Life & Physical Sciences: Tuesday, May 13th 4-5pm, Sheridan Center

**Cultivating an Online Presence for the Academic Job Market**
- Wednesday, May 14th 3-4pm: all divisions

Please register online at [http://sheridan.brown.edu](http://sheridan.brown.edu) if you wish to attend any of these events.