Volunteering opportunity

We are looking for alumni to provide career guidance for Postgraduate Research (PGR) students within the Faculty of Arts who are exploring alternative career options outside of academia after completion of their PhD. You will discuss your personal experience of going from postgraduate research into non-academic employment. This will include giving a short talk (5-10 minutes) about career pathways outside of academia.

We hope you will also be able to take part in a short video interview with the Careers Team – please note this is optional and that panel event itself will not be recorded.

Who will suit this opportunity?

Alumni who:

- Have completed a PhD or PGR degree in the Faculty of Arts and are currently working outside of academia (or in Higher Education in a non-academic role)
- Enjoy public speaking and are happy to share their personal experience of the recruitment process after the PhD and their career to date
- Can help students realise how they can apply their skills and experience from the PhD within career sectors outside of academia

Date, time and expected number of volunteering hours

Date: 25th May 2018
Time: 12.30 – 14.00
Location: A09 Highfield House, University Park campus

Expected number of volunteering hours: 1.5 – 3.5 hours (plus a short filmed interview before or after panel which will take maximum 1 hour)

The Role

You will talk for 5-10 minutes about your personal experience of going from postgraduate research into non-academic employment. Your talk should roughly cover:

- When and why did you decide to work outside of Academia after your PhD?
- What skills and experience have you taken from your degree which you have applied in the workplace?
- Your experiences of the graduate recruitment process - good and bad!
- What your current role entails and what you enjoy about it
- Any tips for PGR students who would like to do something similar with their career

Type of audience role will benefit

PhD and PGR students from the Faculty of Arts, who are considering a career outside of academia. Students will gain awareness of the different types of role available to them, and how their skills and experiences developed during the PhD can help them in the job application process.

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Recruitment process
Please complete an application form to apply. A member of the Team will then be in touch to discuss your application in more detail.