

Academic Job Search

If you are considering or seeking employment in the academic sector, this tip-sheet will help you to identify how to prepare for the job hunt abroad. There are useful links for further research.

1. Top tips

- Talk to your **Principal Investigator (PI)** and others in your field to find out where the top groups are.
- Start by doing some background research into the institution/country you would like to work in. Do you know any colleagues where you would like to apply to? If not, do your colleagues know anyone? Contact them and **ask for advice** on how the academic job market operates.
- If you have identified a group leader who you would like to work with, **make contact** by phone or email. Share what interests or contacts you have in common and ask for further information. This might lead to future opportunities or simply ensure that you are known when a job is advertised.
- Be aware that **types of research/academic employers** differ from country to country. To give just two examples: Germany has more research institutes than the UK; and the US has different types of universities, with differing levels of research infrastructure.
- Note that **different academic opportunities** exist in different countries. For instance, there are fewer postdoc positions in France, but there are more permanent roles for research staff who teach without being group leaders.
- Look for **professional associations and learned societies** in the country you are interested in. For example, there are societies for mechanical engineers in the UK, Canada, Australia, the US, Japan, and China. These often feature job advice, mailing lists, and job boards.
- Investigate whether there is a research staff association in the country you are considering moving to (see [ICoRSA](#) (International Consortium of Research Staff Associations)).
- Check for associations of researchers from your home country at your destination, e.g. there is an [association](#) for Portuguese researchers working in the UK.

2. General Resources (not extensive)

Job search sites

[Academic Jobs](#) - in the UK and elsewhere

[Global Academy Jobs](#)

[Naturejobs](#)

[NewScientist Jobs](#)

[Academic Careers](#)

[Times Higher Education global job board](#)

[The Chronicle of Higher Education Jobs](#)

Resources

[jobs.ac.uk country profiles](#) — more than 30 detailed country profiles

[GoinGlobal](#) — only accessible via the Careers Service.

[Research Whisperer](#) – a blog for early career researchers

Funding

[Early Career Researchers Central](#) — global funding opportunities

[Idox Research Connect](#) — Global funding opportunities – only accessible with Imperial email.

3. Europe

Job search sites

[Academic Jobs EU](#)

[EURAXESS Jobs site](#)

[EuroScience jobs](#)

[University Positions](#)

Funding opportunities

[Marie Curie fellowships](#)

[DFG German Research Foundation](#)

[Agence Nationale de la Recherche](#)

[Swiss National Science Foundation](#)

Associations

[ABG](#) – not-for-profit recruitment agency for researchers

4. North America

Job search sites

[Science Careers](#)

[Sciencejobs.org](#)

[HigherEdJobs](#)

[Academic Careers Online Canada](#)

Associations

[National Postdoctoral Association](#) (US)

[Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars](#)

5. Latin America

[List of universities](#) in Latin America

Resources

[Brazilian Funding Foundation \(FAPESP\)](#)

[Chilean Science and Technology Commission](#)

6. Asia

Job search sites

[Asia's University Roles Portal](#)

[India Bioscience](#)

[Teaching and education jobs in Asia](#)

Associations

[Chinese Academy of Sciences](#)

[Japan Society for the Promotion of Science](#)

Articles

[Booklet](#) on working in India

7. Africa

Job Search sites

[EduJobs Africa](#)

[Teaching and education jobs in Africa](#)

Associations

[Conseil Africain et Malgache pour l'Enseignement Supérieur](#)

[African Research Universities Alliance](#)

8. Australasia

Job search sites

[UniRoles Australia](#)

[Research Jobs in Australia and New Zealand](#)

Associations

[Australian Research Council](#)

[Australian Academy of Science](#)

[Dept of Innovation Industry, Science & Research \(AUS\)](#)

[Science New Zealand](#)

[New Zealand Ministry of Science Research and Technology](#)

[Royal Society of New Zealand](#)

[Health Research Council](#) (NZ)

If you know of additional resources or advice which could be added to this list, please **contact us**:

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