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Put Your Science to WORK: Practical Career Strategies for Science and Beyond

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In this workshop I present a thorough and practical overview to the process of career planning and job hunting in today's job market, from the perspective of a scientist. I cover specific steps that scientists can take to broaden their horizons, strengthen their skills, and present their best face to potential employers. An important part of this is the realization that most scientists possess a range of valuable "transferable skills" that are highly sought after by employers in and out of science. I also cover all the specifics of job hunting, including informational interviewing, building your network, developing a compelling CV and resume, cover letters, interviewing, and more. With each topic I discuss the particular challenges and opportunities faced by those with an advanced degree in science.