



## MOOC PhD and Career Development

The MOOC PhD and Career Development is available in english.

### THE AIMS OF THIS MOOC

PhDs offer access to a multitude of careers, but many PhD candidates do not know where to find out about them. They feel isolated and struggle to find the time to prepare their future. There are, however, an increasing number of initiatives designed to help guide PhD graduates.

Our PhDOOC association offers PhD candidates and graduates a MOOC designed to familiarize them with the tools and resources available online. This tailor-made collaborative initiative allows them to draw on the support of a community whilst taking into account their limited time and availability.

Our aim is to create a space for discussing and finding information on post-doctoral careers. We hope that this MOOC will help **create a community** focused on sharing, collaboration and peer support.

### THE SKILLS YOU WILL DEVELOP

This MOOC will enable you to:

- build your skills portfolio;
- identify possible careers for after your PhD;
- develop your career plan;
- build your own communication tools;
- establish your own approach to job searching;
- grow your network by joining a community of learners.

### THE COURSE PATHWAYS

For this third season, two training pathways are available:

Access to both the "core" and "advanced" training pathway is free of charge. **There is no need to choose** which pathway to follow at the start of the MOOC. It will all depend on the activities you choose as the course goes on. It is up to you to set a specific objective.

- **The "core" training pathway** requires roughly two hours' work per week. This course is assessed through quizzes and group activities.
- **The "advanced" training pathway** requires roughly four hours' work per week. In addition to the core program, you will need to complete two peer assessments to pass the course.

In each unit, additional resources are available to help you further develop your skills.

## **PEDAGOGICAL FEATURES**

MOOC stands for "**Massive Open Online Course**", it is a fully online, free course with unlimited participation and open access, available for a limited time only. Students learn autonomously via educational activities and resources. The participants form a community of learners. They help each other and can interact with the teaching teams via the forums.

There are various types of MOOC. We have chosen to use the sMOOC - or **social MOOC** - model, from the connectivist, or cMOOC, family. This means that learners are encouraged to add to the educational content and there is a significant focus on collaborative activities and discussion.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

This MOOC is primarily aimed at:

- PhD candidates in all fields:
- PhD graduates who are looking for work or are already employed.

It may also be of interest to:

- organizations, institutes and anyone working with PhD students and graduates;
- businesses, especially recruiters;
- the general public - anyone who wants to find out more about PhDs!

The course requires access to a device connected to the Internet and a basic level of IT skills.

## THE TEACHING TEAM

**PhDOOC** is an association, constituted under the French law of 1901, whose aim is to train and support PhD candidates and graduates, and enable the creation of a community. To do this, we have launched the first MOOC in France on career orientation for PhD graduates in all fields. Our aim is to create a space dedicated to information, discussion and mutual assistance on this subject. The association currently has five voluntary members, who design and manage the MOOC.

## THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

**For a fee, a certificate of achievement** can be obtained for either course. The certificate will state which course has been taken (core or advanced), as well as the number of hours of training completed (12 or 24 hours). This will enable you to gain recognition for your work (it is up to participants to do this themselves). A fee is charged for this certificate, which enables the association to continue to operate and offer access to the MOOC free-of-charge.

## VOLUNTEERS

In previous seasons participants have helped improve the MOOC and contributed to its development. We are extremely grateful to all those who provided their assistance and skills to this project.

## AWARDS

This project was awarded the [Open Education Awards for Excellence 2019](#) from the Open Education Consortium and the Prix PEPS 2017 award by the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, in the category "Educational Innovation". [Click here](#) to see a report on the project made for this event.



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