

Assessing career opportunities before the end of your PHD

It is wise to start thinking about your future career in an early stage of your PhD. Therefore PhD candidates of the University of Utrecht are offered different employment programs before the end of their PhD project.

- We offer you the opportunity to contemplate on your career in the penultimate year (3rd year usually) with a **PhD Activating Career Event (PhACE)**.
- Finally, if you did not manage to find a job by the end of your contract at the University Utrecht **Work2Work** will offer you an employment programme approximately 4 months before the official end date of your contract.

Phace (PHD Activating Career Event)

Phace offers **all PHD candidates** in the penultimate year of their PHD project the opportunity to contemplate about the next phase in their career. Phace is a two-day event in which different career possibilities will be shown. In addition there are three rounds of workshops to identify, enhance and develop personal skills.

Target group

- Phace is open to all PHD candidates in the penultimate (usually third) year of their PHD project
- Including UMCU PHD candidates
- Including bursary PHD candidates

About the programme

- Phace is a career event especially developed for PHD candidates
- Phace is free of charge
- Phace will be held at least two times a year

More information and the registration form can be found on the [Phace website](#). We actively encourage you to join the programme!

Your Faculty/Graduate School

Your faculty may also offer some a career event/programme. Please check with your contact person or check the faculty/Graduate School website.

Work2Work (W2W)

Work2Work offers a re-employment coaching programme for **all Utrecht University employees**. Work2Work's primary aim is to prevent unemployment. It does so by combining personal coaching with workshops to prepare you for the job market.

Target group

- Work2Work is compulsory for PHD candidates who are employed by Utrecht University and who's contract expires.
- Work2Work is **not** open to UMCU PHD candidates
- Work2Work is **not** open to bursary PHD candidates

About the programme

- Work2Work offers a re-employment programme to all Utrecht University employees who's contract expires
- You will be registered for the Work2Work programme automatically by your faculty
- Registration will take place approximately 4 months before the official end date of your contract at Utrecht University
- PHD candidates who have taken part in **Phace** will be offered a shortened Work2Work programme

More information can be found on the [Work2Work website](#).

Choice2Change

Choice2Change is the long-term career planning programme organized for Utrecht University employees. This programme is **not** open to PHD candidates.

Career week

Each February a career week will be organized by Utrecht University. During this week potential employers who are interested in PHD's will be present. Please find more information on the Utrecht University website.