



PCDI Newsletter - September 2016

PCDI - [Postdoc Career Development Initiative](#) - is an organisation that enhances the broad development of early career researchers to maximise their potential as science professionals, inside or outside academia.

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Join the free masterclass **Strategy Consulting...** and discover the consultant in you!

Are you looking for possibilities outside academia that fit your qualities as a PhD graduate? Are you ambitious, smart and creative and would you like to use your strong analytical skills in your next job? Perhaps working as a strategy consultant is something for you!

But, in case you are not familiar with this sector, what is it actually *like* to work as a strategy consultant? And do the challenges that consultancy offers match your personal profile? This is your chance to find out. Sign up now for the masterclass Strategy Consultancy on **Saturday 22 October!** [More info.](#)

PCDI co-organises this event with **Gupta Strategists**, a small consultancy operating for the Health Sector. Find out about the variety of challenges Gupta strategists face in their work and learn the ins and outs of strategy consulting at this full-day programme (dinner included). Are you interested to work for the health sector and do you want to know if you have what it takes to become a strategy consultant? Then [apply](#) for a place now. Participation is free of charge, but limited to 20 persons.

Increase your attractiveness outside Academia – Next course starts on 30 September!

The majority of PhD's and Postdocs will pursue a career outside academia, but making this transition can be quite a challenge. Why? Because the way PhD's present themselves often do not correspond with what non-academic employers expect. Based on a study on this discrepancy, PCDI developed the course **Employability outside Academia** for you to bridge this gap.

However, to make the transition, you need to know what are the possibilities outside academia that suit you, you need to find out what you want and what is necessary to get there. The course will help you making this transition! The upcoming edition takes place on: **September 30, October 28 and December 2 (all Fridays)**.

For detailed information about the course program, funding opportunities and references from participants, visit [our website](#). The maximum number of participants is limited to 18, so be quick to avoid disappointment and [register now](#).



Individual coaching at PCDI

Wondering how to balance the demands of a senior role, how to handle difficult work related situations or manage a career change? Then coaching may be a good option for you. PCDI offers **personal guidance to early career researchers** from all backgrounds, helping them to take charge of their situation, move forward with confidence and really make things happen

Do you want to know how PCDI can support in your personal questions and how to apply for coaching, please visit the [website](#). Answers to practical questions can be found [here](#) and [read](#) what former coached researchers say. Please be aware that you can use your personal budget or transition budget to fund your coaching. To learn more, contact us by [e-mail](#).

Make a difference, join PostdocNL

PostdocNL was initiated end of 2015 and the board already contains 15 members representing 11 knowledge institutes around the country. Within the four committees **legal**, **local networks**, **policy** and **public relations**, they focus on several issues like more support for career development within and outside academia, short-term contract issues and having a voice at a local and national level.

PostdocNL is looking for new **enthusiastic board members** who want to make a difference.

Since PostdocNL aims to represent all Dutch knowledge institutions, postdocs from Wageningen, Eindhoven, Tilburg and Enschede are extra welcome! If you are interested, please send an email to info@postdocnl.com. Are you interested in joining PostdocNL, join [their LinkedIn group](#) and follow them on Twitter (@PostdocNL)

PCDI's (inter)active community

Get more out of PCDI. Interact with our evergrowing community of 4,000 PhD graduates!

- [Join](#) our **PCDI LinkedIn group**, a network of more than 2,250 fellow PhDs in the broad spectrum of Sciences. Ask your questions on career development, exchange experiences and find contacts at organisations that suit your interests and profile.
- [Like](#) PCDI on **Facebook** to receive updates on activities and publications to support career development