




# CAREERS EVENT SUPPORT

FOR RESEARCH STAFF SOCIETIES



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# **This is a guide for research staff societies planning career-themed events or events that include a career-related activity.**

## Why hold a career event?

Raising awareness of career pathways and support available to fixed term research staff is beneficial because it:

- allows colleagues to gain an overview of the career support offered by the Institute for Academic Development (IAD)
- allows colleagues to hear about different career pathways and opportunities, both within and outside of academia
- provides networking opportunities between researchers and/or guest speakers
- researchers can undertake specific training such as CV writing or Academic Interview coaching

It is important to encourage researchers to be more proactive with the management of their careers and career-related events and training can help to build that awareness.



# What support is available from the IAD?


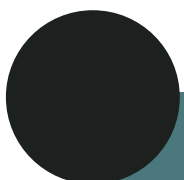
The IAD Research Staff Careers Consultant can attend an event in person or online to provide further information about the careers resources and support available. This could include:

- manning a stand with relevant career literature and resources
- a brief talk and overview of the career support available
- providing individual career consultations throughout the event (these can be varied in time from 15mins to 45mins to suit the timing of the event). A confidential space would be required to hold the individual consultations.

A tailored training session on a specific topic is also possible. For example, key topics might include: CV Writing & Making Applications, Academic & Non Academic Interview Preparation and Career Direction Planning.

It may also be possible to help facilitate networking sessions if the event requires this.

If the presence of the Research Staff Careers Consultant isn't required at the event itself, key information and resources can be supplied on Career themes and resources for display at the event.





## Further Resources:

- **IAD Career Management Webpages**  
<https://edin.ac/3a4g1gM>
- **1:1 Career Development Consultatons - Online Booking Page**  
<https://edin.ac/35EfgdX>
- **IAD4Researchers - Blog**  
<https://blogs.ed.ac.uk/iad4researchers/>
- **Career Resources to Display at Events**  
<https://edin.ac/38phsrx>

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