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Careers in Science (Allison Hunter)

URLS:

There are a lot of urls to look at, some suggestions:

- Those that are for actively open jobs will close soon – save the pages into a word document if you want to keep them to refer to for job requirements and skills for a profession that you might want to work towards later.
- Pick one thing that interests you. Plan your time to read and reflect e.g. 5 x 15 minute sessions per week to check websites, or one hour per fortnight, so that it fits into your existing schedule easily.
- Keep a note on your Outlook calendar, word doc or piece of paper of the time you have spent. When this is added up it becomes hours you have spent on continuing professional development which can be brought up in your PRDP.
- Note also the courses or lectures you attended as a direct result of this search.
- Add in some job shadowing for an hour or two with safety, teaching, other research labs.
- Add in the time spent at tech meetings gaining information and networking.
- In what way has this helped you professionally? Learnt new techniques, broadened outlook, new collaborations.....
- Professional registration bodies are looking for about 50 hours of continuing professional development per annum. It soon adds up.

Development framework:

- Identify which characteristics you already have
- Which characteristics would you like to have?
- How will you work towards gaining these?