

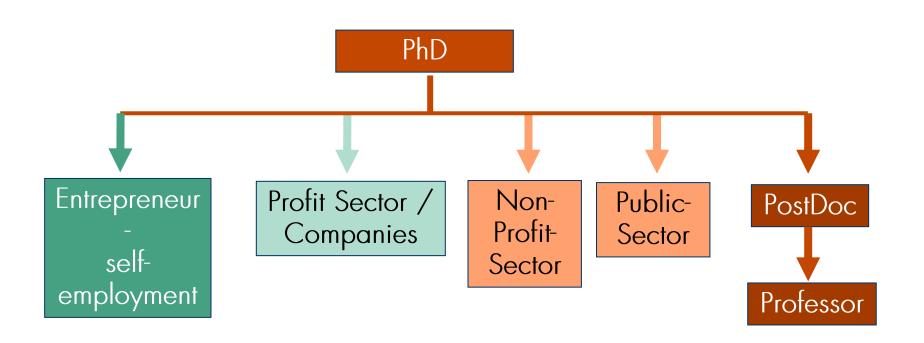
ALTERNATIVES TO A CAREER IN SCIENCE

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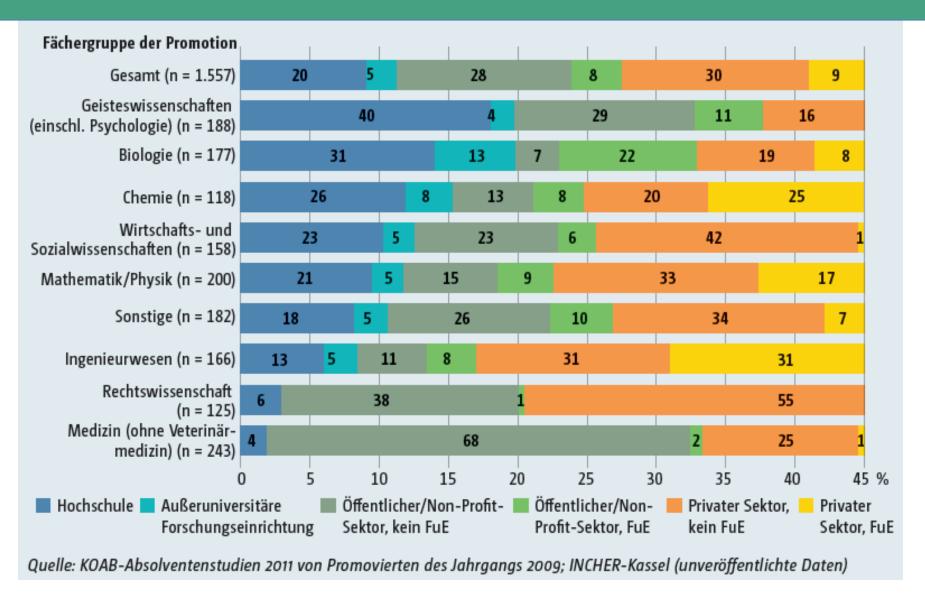


GENERAL OPTIONS

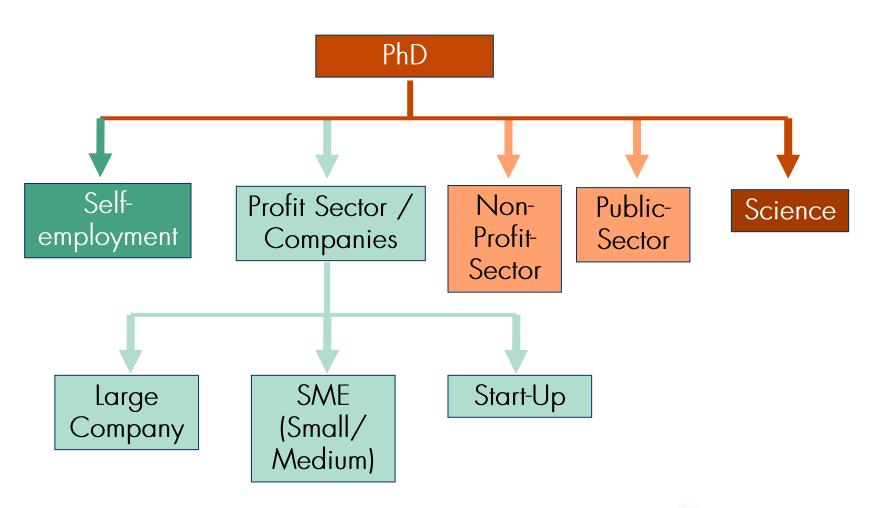




1,5 YEARS AFTER PhD



CAREER IN A COMPANY





CAREER IN LARGER COMPANIES

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R&D Prod. Dev. Production Quality M Mark./Sales. After Sales

Projectmanagement

Public Relation, Investor Relation

Business Development, Business Strategy

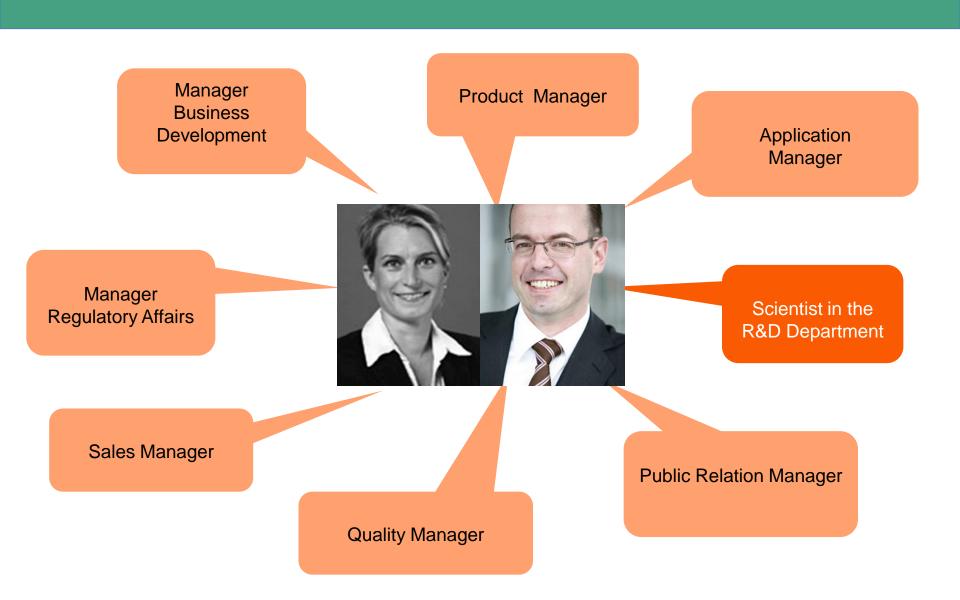
Human Resources Management

IT Department

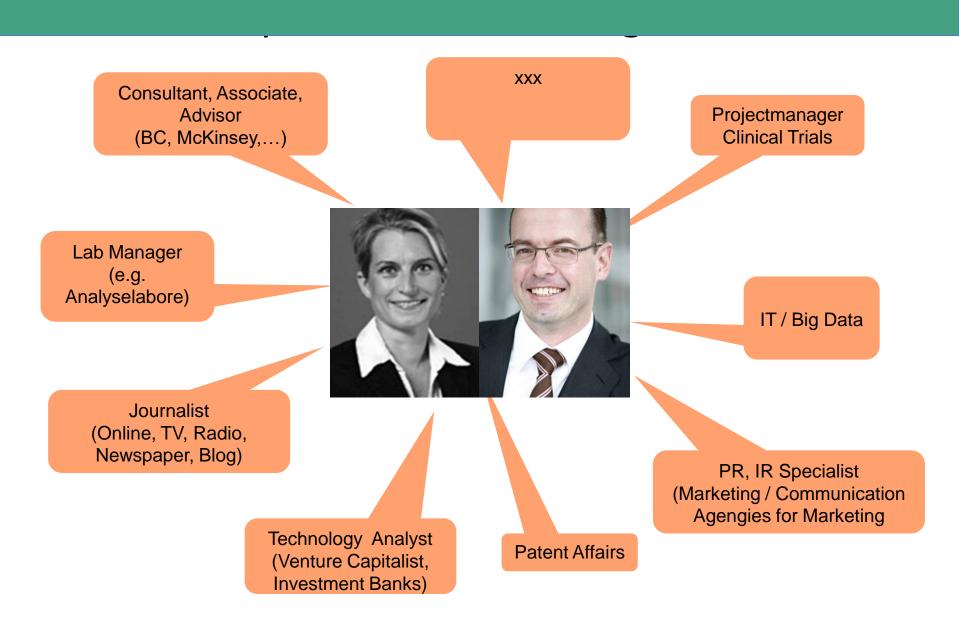
Financial Department

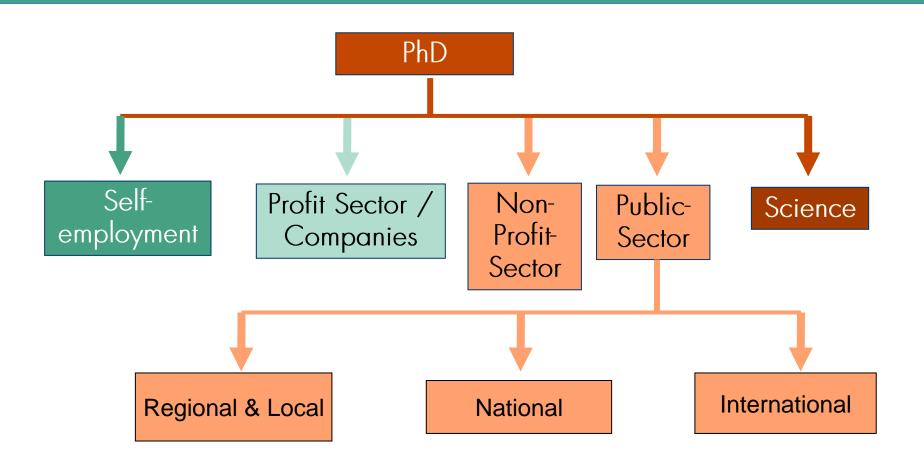
Legal/IP Department (Regulatory Affairs)

JOB EXAMPLES IN INDUSTRY

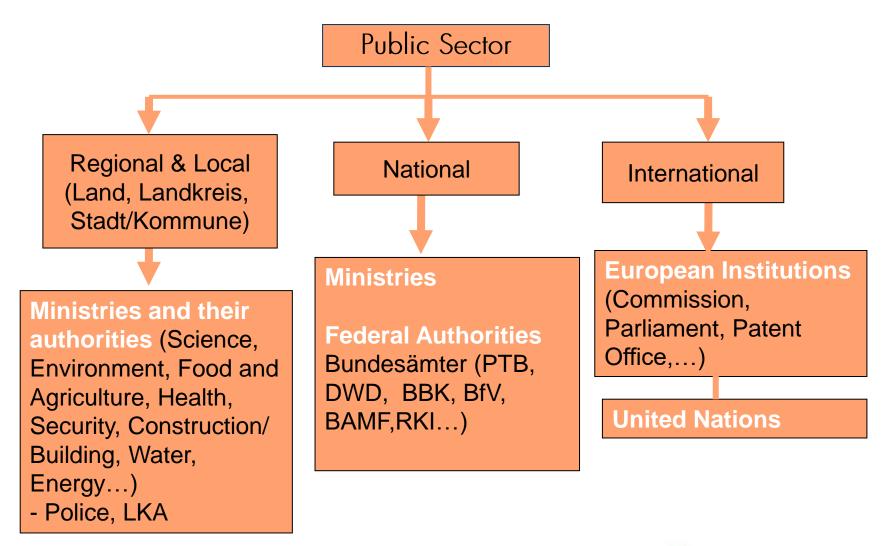


JOB EXEMPLES IN THE SERVICE SECTOR

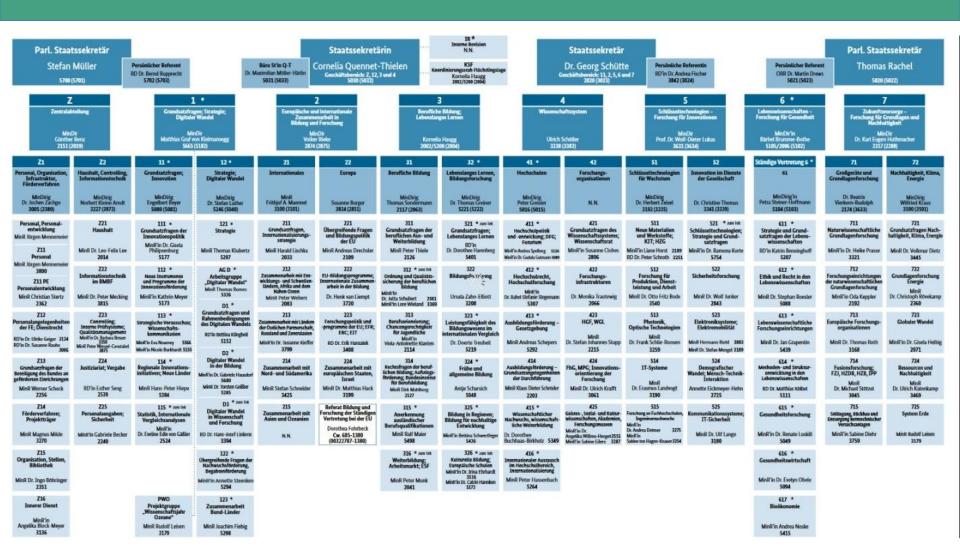




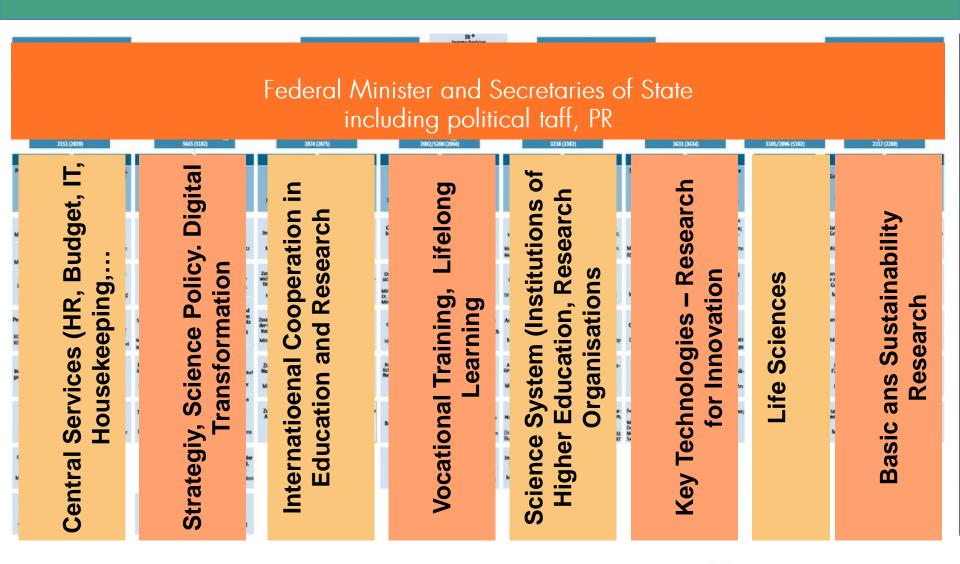














JOB EXEMPLES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Officer in the department for nanotechnology in a ministry

Science Manager (Project Management Agency, EC, DFG,...)

Cluster Manager (BioSaxony)

Projectmanager GIZ (Projects in developing countries)



Building advisor of a city

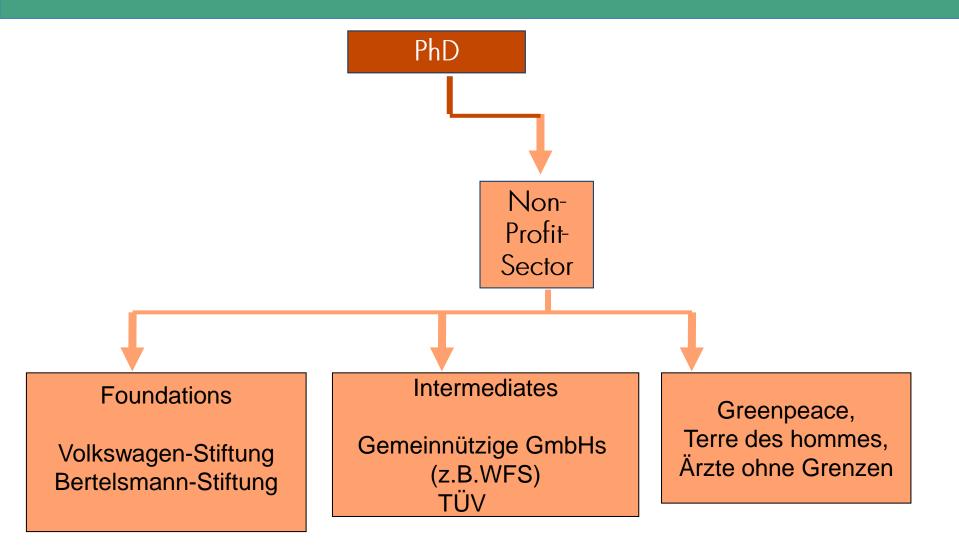
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Technology Transfer

Engineer in municipal waterworks

JOB EXEMPLES IN THE NON-PROFIT-SECTOR





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IF I SEEK TO HIRE A PERSON WITH AN ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

I am looking, for someone, who...

- is able to work indepentently, does not wait to be instructed,
- is able to deal with complexity,
- has a problem-solving-competence, comes up with new solutions,
- will understand the job quickly, aquires missing knowledge,
- is willing to take over responsibility,
- is able to cover a broad spectrum of tasks.



IN HR-LANGUAGE ONE WOULD SAY

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- **Analytical skills:** Ability to learn independently, to determine and to assess main facts and figures, to create and test hypothesises
- Communication skills: Summerization and presentation of scientific results oral as well as written; training other people by explaining and introducing methods
- Interdiciplinary and intercultural competences: ability to practice change between different sciences and cultures
- Strategic competence: ability to manage a project over a minimum of three years by planning, coordinating and finalizing
- Detail-Orientation: ability to work very percisely and faithfully



IF I MEET YOU IN AN JOB INTERVIEW...

I want to learn something...

- about your personality,
- your soft skills, strengths and weaknesses,
- your way of communicating.

I will try to evaluate...

- your potential to fit into my organisation
- your **potential** for different career pathways
- if you are able to tell me about your PhD in one minute



COMPTENCES VS. KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge is something...

....that grows old pretty fast Is acquired rather quickly

Competencies can be...

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... methodological (strategic thinking, project management, budget management, software architecture...)
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... social (communication skills, conflict management skill, team player,...)

... personal (find out your strengths ©)

It is more about who you are that about what you know

=> You can relax and show the best of you!



IF I SEEK TO HIRE A PERSON (WITH A PhD) FROM THE TU DRESDEN

I am looking, for someone, who...

- comes with a network/ contacts in the area
- knows a certain community
- is an engineer with specific specialisation
- has worked in a specific project

...has competencies a lawyer or economist from e.g. Bremen does
 not have... what could it be?



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SELF-ASSESSMENT

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Task-orientiert	*	People-Oriented
The big picture	*	Detail-oriented
Laboratory work	*	thinking, writing
Specialist		Generalist
Open, active	*	cautios, restrained
One project		<u> </u>
International, intercultura	<u> </u>	national, regional
Other experts	Recognition/respect from	Non-experts



SELF-ASSESSMENT

- Looking for a permanent position or is a temporary position ok?
- Linear strategy vs. Mindmap (job hopping to try out some alternatives)
- How about work-life-balance?
- flexibility for unexpected options
- salary expectation



IF YOU ARE IN AN JOB INTERVIEW...

You want to learn something...

- about the job,
- about the competencies needed on the job
- about the culture of the organization,
- about the personality of your potential boss,
- his/her way of communicating,

To find out, whether it feels good to work there.



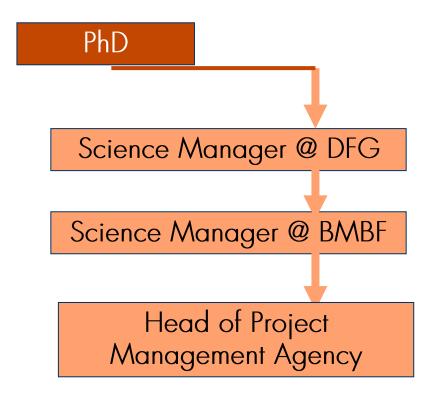
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Source: Bundesbericht Wissenschaftlicher Nachwuchs 2013

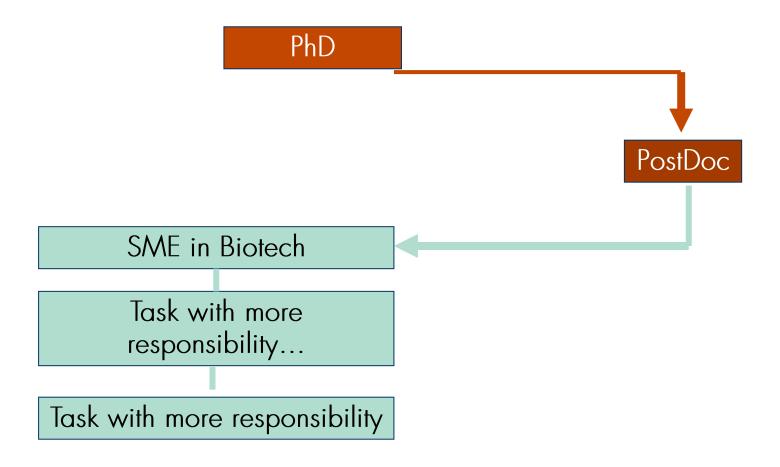
Having finished a PhD, you are ...

- more probable to work full time,
- more probable to get into a leading position,
- very seldom endangered to get unemployed,
- more probable to work in a temporary position espaecially if you stay in science (public sector),
- will earn significantly more money than the average german employee (and also more than other academics).

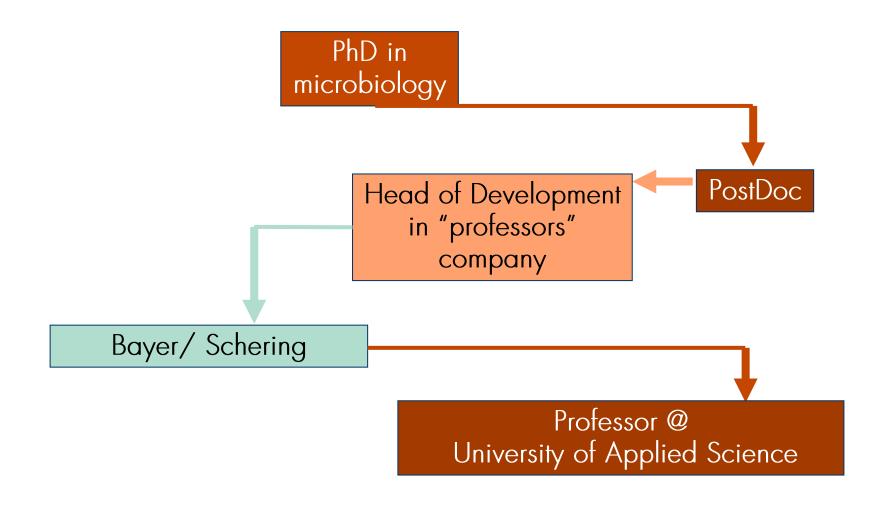




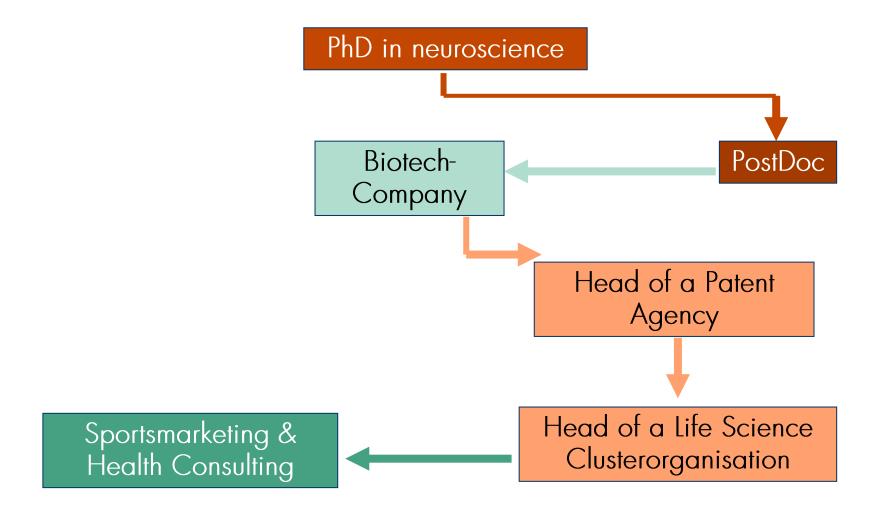




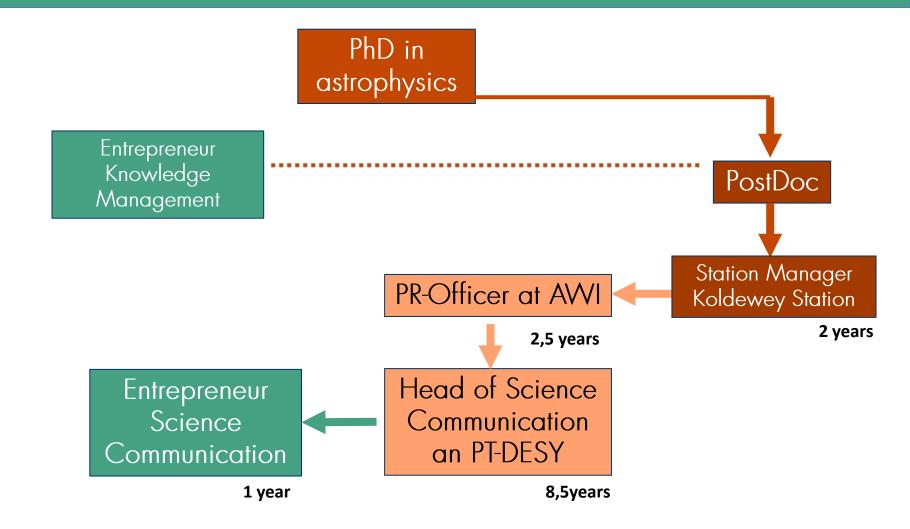














TO SUM UP

- You don't have decide everything now
- You should be aware of your competencies
- Your should be aware of your strengths and weaknesses
- Your should be aware of your likes and dislikes and act and them

=> GOOD LUCK !!





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