

**The Versatile PhD mission is to help graduate students and new PhDs identify and prepare for possible non-academic careers.**

Members join a web-based community and become part of a rich learning environment where, through networking and information-sharing, they learn about academic and non-academic job markets and get community support for preparing for a wide range of possible non-academic careers. Students of subscribing universities get to access the Premium Content as well.

Over time, participants realize they are *versatile*: they have skills applicable in a wide variety of careers, and they see many good options ahead, both in and out of academe.

Founded originally in 1999 as a listserv called WRK4US, The Versatile PhD became a web-based community and premium content subscription service in May 2010. It now has 40 fine institutions as subscribers, over 16,000 individual members, and was recently ranked by members as the #1 most helpful source of information on non-academic careers for PhDs.

**Founding Subscribers:** Michigan State University, University of Pennsylvania, Duke University, Yale University, Harvard University

**Additional Subscribers include:** Princeton University, Vanderbilt University, University of California Davis, Stanford University, Columbia University, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Syracuse University, Cornell University, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Georgetown University, University of Southern California, University of California Los Angeles, University of California Berkeley, University of Oklahoma, University of Maryland, Brown University, Ohio State University, City University of New York, University of California Irvine, Emory University, University of Oregon, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin and many more

The community is free and open to all, but students at subscribing institutions gain access to the Premium Content, authentic materials and inside information from real-life “Versatile PhDs” (PhDs and ABDs currently working in non-academic careers). Specifically:

- *Hiring Success Stories* – authentic resumes and cover letters that got humanities or social science PhDs their first post-academic jobs, with a narrative explaining how the job was pursued.
- *Career Autobiographies* – fascinating first-person narratives by more experienced Versatile PhDs about their journeys into satisfying non-academic careers
- *Archived Panel Discussions* – rich, in-depth Q&A’s about specific PhD-friendly careers. Groups of Versatile PhDs all working in the same non-academic field describe their work and answer questions from graduate students.

**Annual subscription price:** \$1,700 plus one-time \$300 setup fee. Full-year term runs July 1 – June 30. Subscription covers students, faculty and staff; if alumni will also have access, an additional fee may apply. Free preview of Premium Content available to staff and/or selected students.

**Note: The Premium Content is currently geared towards Humanists and Social Scientists.** It will expand to include STEM as of July 1, 2013. At that time you will have the option to add STEM. For either side by itself, the 2013-14 price will be \$1700; for both, discounted to \$2600.

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