



## PCDI Newsletter - September 2017

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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### Working as a strategy consultant after your PhD... experience it in the Masterclass

Are you looking for a new job outside academia where you can use your qualities as a PhD graduate? Are you ambitious, smart and creative and do you want to excel in what you do?

Maybe working as a strategy consultant might be the thing for you.

You can find out in a full day **Masterclass** that PCDI organises this autumn with **Gupta Strategists**, a consultancy that works for the health care. You experience what it is like to come up with solutions for complicated questions as a strategy consultant in a team. During that day (and dinner) you will have plenty of opportunities to ask questions to strategy consultants with a PhD background. The Masterclass will be held on 9 November. Participation is free. There are limited places available. **You can register yourself till 12 October.** [More info](#)

[Here](#) you can read about Merel who participated in the Masterclass and who is now employed at Gupta Strategists.

## Extra autumn course Employability outside Academia – Next course starts on 27 October!

Due to the great interest, we start this autumn with a second course Employability outside academia. Course days are **27 October, 24 November and 5 January (all Fridays)**.

Do you want to continue your career outside academia after your PhD or postdoc, but you are not sure which is the best next step for you? How do you find out what is really important to you? How do you make yourself attractive as a PhD professional and what can be your added value in business or non-profit? Prepare yourself in this course for a successful career step.

For more detailed info about the course curriculum, references from participants and (partial) compensations by the employer, please read [here](#). The maximum number of participants is limited to 18, so be quick to avoid disappointment and [register now](#).



## Individual coaching at PCDI

Do you have specific questions about your personal and/or career development. Are you stuck in your current work activities or are you in a complicated situation that you like to discuss with a coach, please know that you can come to PCDI for this.

PCDI offers **personal guidance to assistant professors, postdocs and PhD students** from all backgrounds, helping them to take charge of their situation, move forward with confidence and really make things happen.

Would you like to know more about how PCDI can support you, please check out our [website](#). Answers to practical questions can be found [here](#). 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](#).

## National PhD day 2017

On Saturday 23rd of September the fourth National PhD day will take place at the Radboud University Nijmegen. This year the theme is: Dare to stand out! There will be interesting workshops, inspiring keynote lectures, and the supervisor award ceremony to attend. Participation is free of charge. Read the [website](#) of the PhD candidate Network of The Netherlands for more information.

## 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 2,300 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.
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