

4th Edition of the Arqus PhD Week for Careers Beyond Academia

Call for Applications

The Arqus Career Week is a **5-day programme** intended to support PhD and postdoctoral researchers in their exploration and pursuit of career paths beyond university research.

The programme offers talks and workshops, led by a group of career experts from international backgrounds, to help participants recognize their labour market skills and give insight into application and hiring processes as well as company cultures outside of academia.

The 4th edition of the Career Week will take place at the **University of Wrocław**, Poland, from **June 10th to 14th, 2024**.

Applications are possible until **February 25th, 2024 23:59 CET** (see below).

What is it about?

The format is a combination of **expert input and participatory approaches**, focused on discussion and self-exploration. Topics include:

- How to become aware of your **skills** for the general job market and how to translate your academic skills into non-academic contexts
- How to create a convincing **CV**
- How to fruitfully use the **digital sphere** in the job search
- How to navigate the **recruitment process**, including job interview dos and don'ts
- How to successfully **transition** from academic culture to the business world
- How to make use of **entrepreneurial** and intrapreneurial techniques for your career development

The Career Week also provides the opportunity to meet and exchange with other early-stage researchers as well as professionals in career development from different countries and disciplines.

Who is it for?

The Arqus Career Week is intended for **advanced PhD researchers** (beyond the first year) and **postdoctoral researchers** who are considering a future career beyond academia. The programme is open to early-stage researchers from all disciplines.

Due to funding requirements, you must be **enrolled** as a doctoral student or have an active **employment** contract at one of the Arqus universities or the associate partner university Kyiv Mohyla Academy to apply.

NOTE: If you are from the **University of Minho**, special funding eligibility criteria apply - to be able to receive funding for participation in the Career Week, you MAY NOT

- Have funding from the Portuguese Foundation of Technology as FCT PHD funding
- Have a contract as researchers in a Project founded by the Portuguese Foundation of Technology

How to apply?

If you want to apply for the Arqus Career Week, please do so via this online [FORM](#).

Only fully completed forms can be considered.

- Please prepare a **(300-500 word)** description of why you want to participate in the programme, what your expectations towards the programme are, why you are interested in (potentially) moving beyond academia in your career, which topics you would particularly like to learn about more/need support with etc. - this **statement of motivation** will be key in the selection process.
- Please also attach your **Curriculum Vitae** in the online application

The **selection** of participants will be made by local committees at the home university. Depending on the number of applicants, each university will be able to send 3-4 participants. You will be informed about the outcome within 2 weeks after the application deadline.

Funding for travel and accommodation from different sources will be available through your home university, however please be aware that you might have to prepare a separate funding application after the selection process (your local contact person will inform you about the process).

The application deadline is **February 25th, 2024 23:59 CET**.