

Qualitative Research Careers Outside of Academia

Webinar #2 with Dr. Heather Holroyd, Dr. Judith Mintz, Meghan Miller & Allison Laing

Benefits of transitioning out of academia:

1. **Work-life balance** (free weekends!)
2. Work with diverse community groups
3. Engage in work that feels **meaningful**
4. Always learning something new

Challenges of transitioning out of academia:

1. Adapting to changing work environments
2. Balance multiple projects at once
3. Managing shorter deadlines

Advice for graduate students:

- ✓ Set **non-work goals** (How do you want to feel in life?)
- ✓ Find opportunities to learn and share skills
- ✓ Hone your **methodological skills**
- ✓ Talk to people who work outside of academia about their career pathways

Where to look for work:

- LinkedIn & Indeed
- Certificate programs with institutional partnership
- Informational interviews

Skills you have (that you didn't know you had)

- Project management
- Interpersonal skills
- Knowledge translation
- Process thinking skills

Extracurriculars to help you on your way:

- Volunteer with community organizations
- Take short-term contract work
- Take part in community events/conferences with organizations you're interested in

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