

## Talent Center Career Sessions and Interuniversity Career Lunches

Researchers are very passionate about their job. At the same time, for many (post) doctoral researchers their job raises imminent questions concerning the further development of their career. They struggle with the uncertainty of their employment status and often feel insecure when it comes to planning - let alone discussing with peers or their supervisor - their (future) career. Reflection, insight and being well informed are however crucial pieces to solving the career puzzle.





Therefore, the **career sessions (UAntwerp)** and **career lunches (VLIR)** aim to give more insight in a wide range of career opportunities for early-career researchers both in- and outside academia. The sessions range from open testimonials to more straight forward information sessions about various career paths for PhD holders. After the talks, there is plenty of room for questions. The ‘in-person’ sessions are also a great opportunity to get to know your peers and enjoy a nice lunch together.

This year we offer a number of live career sessions, while also joining forces with the other Flemish universities, presenting multiple *virtual career lunches* organized as part of [the Interuniversity Job Market for Young Researchers](#). By doing so, we hope to offer you an even broader view on the career options you have as a (post)doctoral researcher.

### Program career sessions

In person @UAntwerp, Hof Van Liere, lunch included:

Wednesday March 1 <sup>st</sup> 11h – 13h30	<b>“The one about valorisation:</b> this session will be offered by the <a href="#">Valorisation Office</a> of the Department of Research Affairs and Innovation. It will cover the different pathways to valorize your knowledge and (post)doctoral research.	
Friday April 28 <sup>th</sup> 11h – 13h30	<b>“The one about financial opportunities for”:</b> this <a href="#">Dive-into-Projects</a> session will be offered by the Grants Office of the Department of Research Affairs and Innovation. It provides an overview of the funding opportunities for postdoctoral research fellowships, leading to an academic career or a career outside academia. It furthermore covers funding opportunities for projects, with postdocs in a leading role.	
Tuesday May 9 <sup>th</sup> 11h – 13h30	<b>“The one with the professors”:</b> in this session professors of the University of Antwerp give a testimonial about their academic career trajectory and speak openly about the job of being a professor. How did their career journey take shape? Which steps did they take and which did they not? What does their career as a professor entail? What tasks do they manage on a daily/weekly basis? Speakers will be confirmed soon.	

You can **register** for the in-person career sessions by clicking **this link**, with approval of your supervisor. First come, first served!

**Program career lunches (virtual):**

More information on the career lunches can be found on the [VLIR-website](#).

The career lunches will take place will take place **between February 7 and March 16 from 12 – 1pm**. Below you can find the sessions that are already confirmed, but more will be announced throughout the coming weeks:

Tuesday February 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA</b> Register <a href="#">here</a> !
Tuesday February 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BANK VAN BREDA</b> Register <a href="#">here</a> !
Thursday February 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>B12 CONSULTING</b> Register <a href="#">here</a> !
Tuesday February 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MOORE</b> Register <a href="#">here</a> !
Thursday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>ARDENA</b> Register <a href="#">here</a> !
Tuesday March 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BAIN &amp; COMPANY</b> Register <a href="#">here</a> !
Tuesday March 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GROUP DE CEUSTER</b> Register <a href="#">here</a> !
Thursday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>IQVIA</b> Register <a href="#">here</a> !

Via [this link](#), you can find a more elaborate program, with more information on the speakers. All online career lunches are also bundled on the [PhD Talent Pool](#). Log into the Talent Pool to stay updated!

**No show fee**

Cancellation of the in-person career sessions free of charge is only possible due to illness. May we therefore kindly ask you to inform us at least 14 days in advance if you are unable to participate due to other reasons? Otherwise, a no-show fee of 50 euros will be charged at the expense of your research group. Many thanks in advance for your understanding.

Hope to see you at one of our career sessions or at the interuniversity career lunches!

Warm regards  
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