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Career Perspectives

with a PhD in Natural & Life Sciences

Doctorate:

Process Sciences, MPI for Colloids and Interfaces & TU Berlin, 2016

Current Position:

Coordination Office for Research Integrity at FU Berlin & Coordination Early Career Support in the Department of Physics, Freie Universität Berlin

What does your current professional life look like?

Currently, I have two offices at FU Berlin because of my two positions. Depending on the day, I either switch offices around noon or stay in the same office the whole day. I really enjoy collaborating with my colleagues in both roles and the variety that comes with having two positions.

How did you find out about your current job?

For my first position, I searched through all job listings on the websites of universities and research institutes in and around Berlin. Furthermore, I used the search engine of bund.de. The second job advertisement was forwarded to me by a colleague who knew about my interests and my work regarding this topic at the department.

What skills do you need now that you did not learn during your PhD studies?

Mainly administrative skills in the public sector, which has strict rules regarding the management of funds or process optimization.

What motivates you most about your current job?

Through my work at the Coordination Office, I feel that we've been able to make some improvements at FU Berlin and create greater transparency regarding the positive and negative aspects of academia. Although I've witnessed many of the negative aspects firsthand, I still have confidence in research and in the new generation of early-career researchers, who can begin to shape things differently and, in a sense, change the system.

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