

# Academic Life after the PhD

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Universities, research centres, colleges etc.

# What are post-PhD options in academia?

Independent fellowship

Advertised post-doc position

University/teaching position

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Differences between countries

Benefits vs costs of going abroad

Switching topics or increase specialisation

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## Feasibility



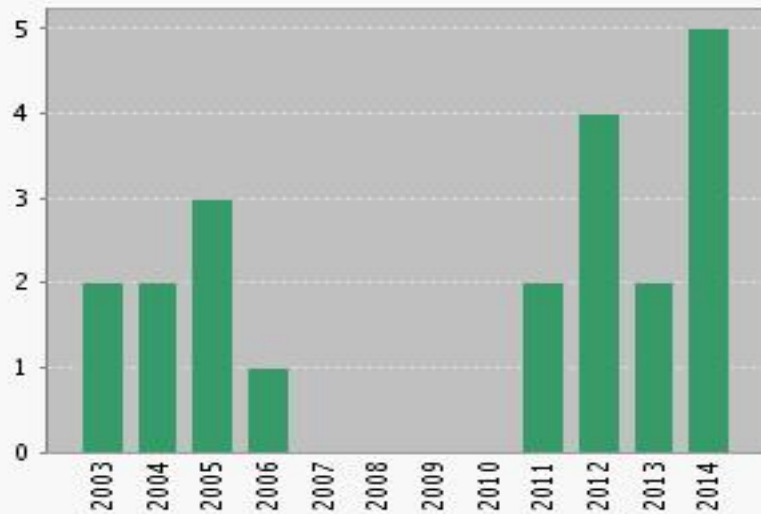


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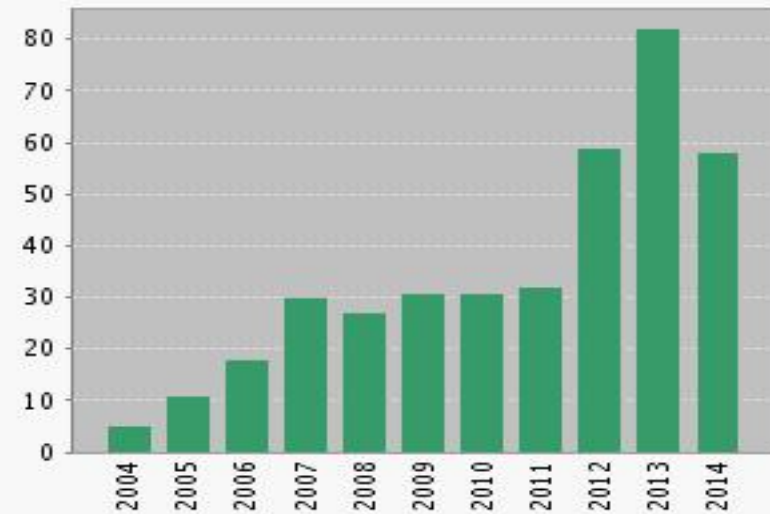
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## Risk vs Reward

Published Items in Each Year



Citations in Each Year



# How to expand in academia?

- ✦ Workshops/conferences
- ✦ Teach
- ✦ Read
- ✦ First chapter as meta-analysis

# What skills are needed in academia?

- Stamina
- Successful publishing
- Contacts
- Presentation (seminar, lecture, interview)
- Public outreach
- Grant writing
- Managing team

# Why stay in academia?

- Freedom
- Curiosity
- Contributing to society
- Can lead to a stable, decently paid job

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- Lots of alternative opportunities

- We have skills for those:

Managing budget

Leading teams

Statistical skills

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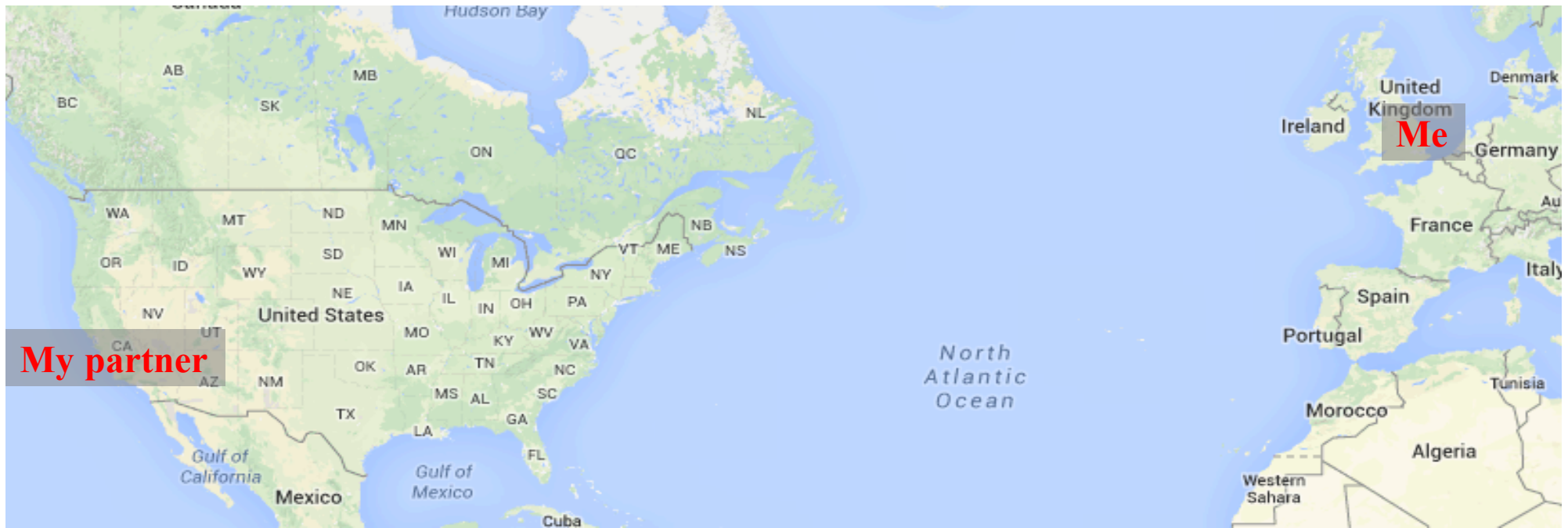
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- Same elsewhere
- Active steps are being taken to change system

# How to find out about opportunities in academia?

Workshop/conferences

Personal contacts (social media)

Websites

[http://people.ds.cam.ac.uk/dl384/Resources\\_2014\\_JobsGrants.html](http://people.ds.cam.ac.uk/dl384/Resources_2014_JobsGrants.html)