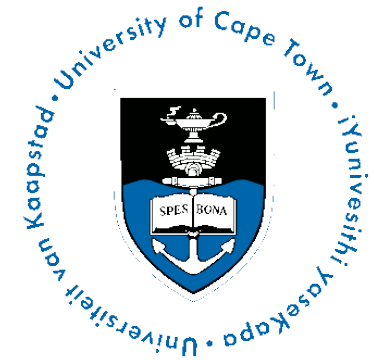


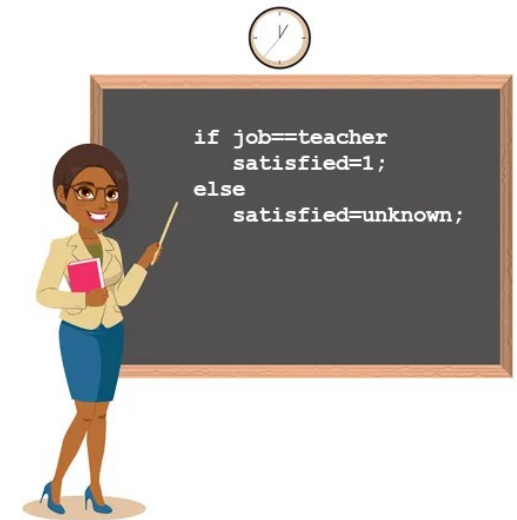
PTTP: Academic Careers



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What do Academics do?



- ❑ Learning
- ❑ Teaching
- ❑ Research
- ❑ Innovation
- ❑ Administration
- ❑ Mentorship
- ❑ Leadership
- ❑ Management

Types of Academic Career?

- ❑ **Teacher/Lecturer/Instructor**
 - Focus is teaching
- ❑ **Academic/Professor**
 - Focus is teaching and research
- ❑ **Researcher**
 - Focus is research
- ❑ **Administrator**
 - Focus is institutional administration



Five Pros

- ❑ Fulfilment from teaching.
- ❑ Changing the world.
- ❑ You decide what research to do.
- ❑ Flexible hours.
- ❑ Being your own boss (sort of).



Five Cons

- ❑ Long hours.
- ❑ Stress.
- ❑ Lower salary.
- ❑ Career progression is slow.
- ❑ Requirements are high (PhD).



Getting an Academic Job

- Apply everywhere!
- Academic CV is comprehensive – not like other CVs.
- Some jobs need a PhD – some don't.
- Postdocs are an advantage.
- Track record counts:
 - Education
 - Teaching experience
 - Research publications

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Tenure and Promotion

□ Probation/Tenure/Habilitacion/PrivatDozent:

- First step in being confirmed as an academic: 3+ years
- Requirements vary in different countries.

□ Ranks:

- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Associate Prof./Prof.
- Professor level 1-4
- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Reader/Professor
- Instructor/Assistant Prof/Associate Prof/Professor

□ Requirements:

- Teaching, research, administration, leadership, social responsiveness

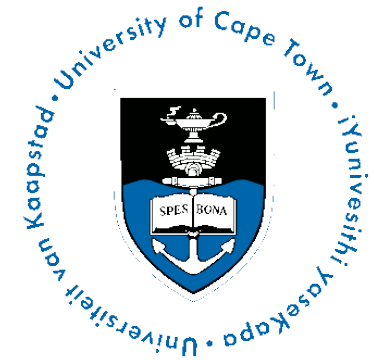


Final Thoughts

- ❑ It is a tough job.
- ❑ But one of the few jobs where you work because you want to!
- ❑ Home/life balance is crucial.
- ❑ Hobbies and family life.
- ❑ It is never for the money.
- ❑ But a good academic job will often pay enough by middle class standards.



Thank you for listening!



Questions, comments and suggestions are welcome...

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