

What Can You Be With a PhD (WCUB)? A Science and Technology Career Symposium

Every two to three years, New York City's regional consortium of colleges and universities support a WCUB career convention. Approximately 2,000 students and postdocs were registered to attend this year's symposium at NYU Langone Medical Center on November 13th and 14th. The symposium consisted of 25 lecture sessions and a room of exhibitors. Research in Germany was one of the nine exhibitors, others were: Nature magazine, Regeneron, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the Quebec Government. One of the exhibitor tables was solely dedicated to stacks and stacks of positions available for postdocs. Postdocs were offered a little bit of everything, as the symposium had a mix of sessions and exhibitors from the public and private sector, industry and academe. Friday was the more heavily trafficked day for the exhibitors, the Research in Germany booth had more than 150 PhD students and postdocs exceptionally interested in exploring research funding opportunities in Germany. Saturday was quieter as only another 20 PhD students and postdocs stopped by the stand. The most popular DFG program for this target group was the Emmy Noether Program. Since the organizations represented by Research in Germany have a large variety of postdoc funding opportunities, it was ideal to jointly exhibit at this symposium. (MP)



Left photo: Laura Montgomery (RWTH), Peter Kerrigan (DAAD). Right photo: Margot Pfefferle (DFG)