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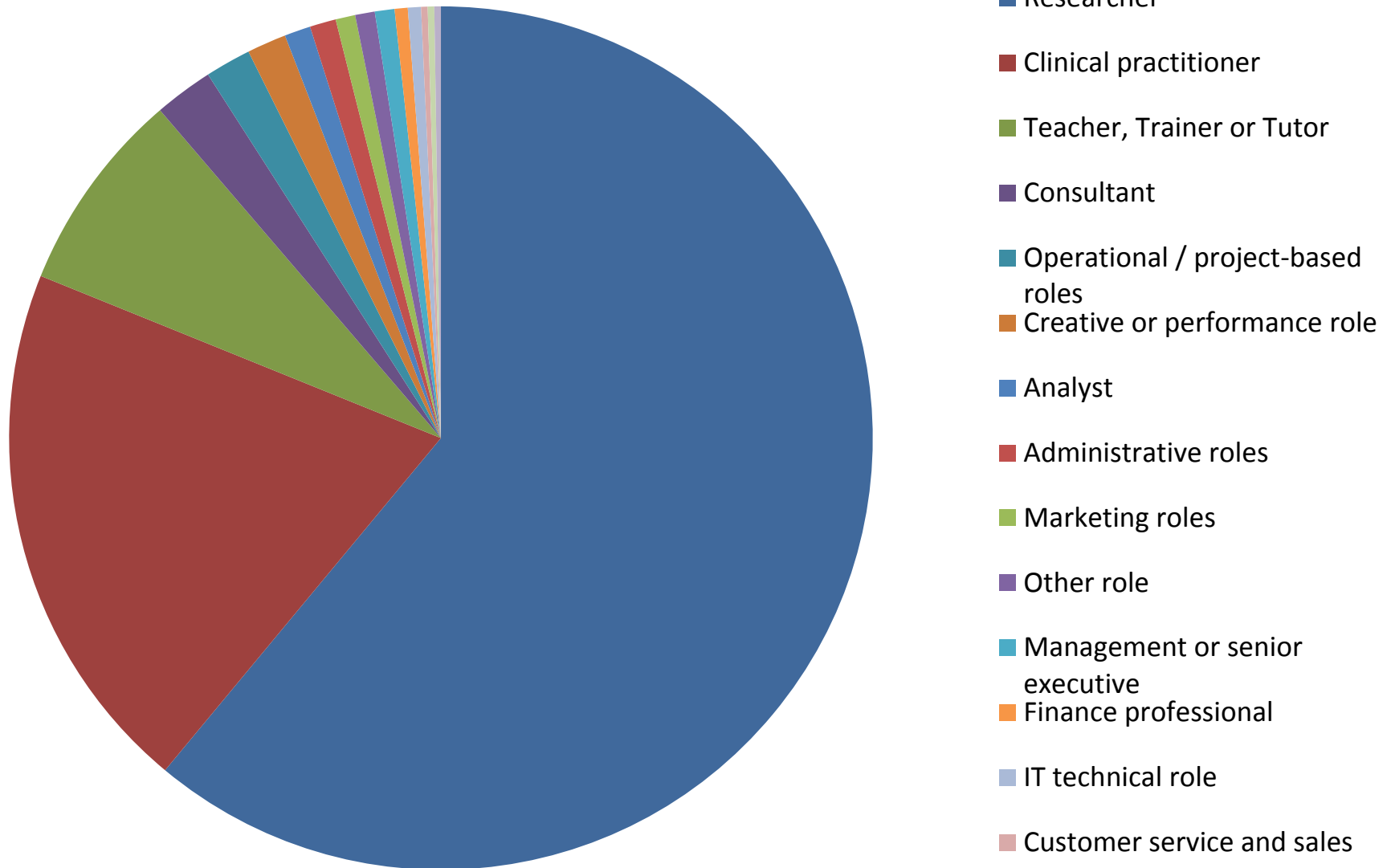
How to explore alternative career paths

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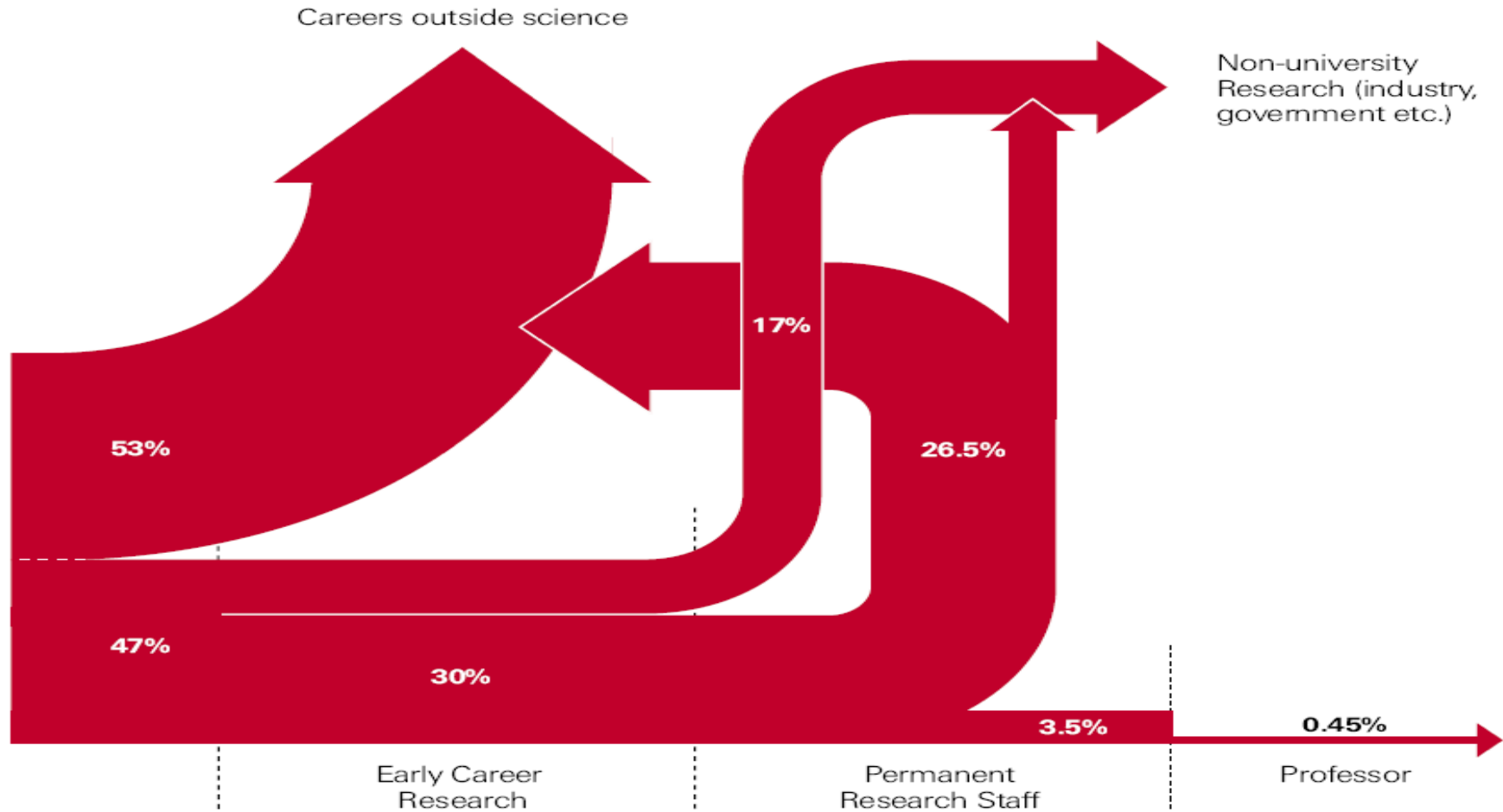


What do medical science researchers do?



Clinical Lecturer Post doc
Project Manager Clinician
Science Correspondent Senior Science Technician
Educational Coordinator Assistant Director of Public Health
Analyst Business Development Manager Cello Teacher
Science Communications Officer Civil Servant Software Designer and Engineer
Resident Medical Officer Policy Advisor Accounts Manager
Clinical Psychologist Secondary School Teacher
Strategy Consultant Trainee Clinical Biochemist
Pharmaceutical Associate
Medical Writer Research Coordinator
Lecturer Patent Lawyer

Academic research and beyond





Self assessment

- Interests
- Personality preferences
- Skills
- Values
- Life style
- Decision making style



Research careers

- Books
- Websites
- Career briefings
- Career files
- Professional associations
- Informational interviewing

Job search/applications

- Research adverts
- Networking
- CV/cover letter writing
- Applying for further study
- Interviewing

The Career Development Process

Try out the career

- Part-time work
- Internships
- Work shadowing
- Volunteering
- Student societies
- Summer work





What does your ideal job look like?

Salary

Learning and development

Skills

Location

Ideal job

Responsibilities

Values

Personality

Subject expertise

Interests

Working environment



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Resources for self awareness

- Online tool: www.windmillsonline.co.uk/interactive
- Books, e.g.,:
 - How to Get a Job You'll Love. J. Lees
 - Build your own Rainbow (3rd Ed): A Workbook for Career and Life Management. B. Hopson and M. Scally
 - What Color is your Parachute? A Practical Manual for Job-hunters and Career Changers. R. Bolles
- Workshops: Career Planning for DPhils, Career Management for Research Staff, MBTI for researchers
- One-to-one appointments



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Research career ideas

- www.prospects.ac.uk –career planner
- Career briefings published by the Careers Service
- Find out what other researchers do:
 - ‘What do PhDs do?’ - data and career stories (www.vitae.ac.uk)
 - RCUK case studies
 - Oxford DPhil and Research Staff alumni
- Professional Associations
- Vacancy websites



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Talk to people

- Talk to people doing the jobs you are interested in:
 - Oxford Careers Network (through Career Connect)
 - College/department/university alumni networks
 - Personal networks
 - Linked In
- Ask questions – about the job, working environment, skills needed
- At least 70% of jobs are not advertised - so keep in touch!



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Test things out and build skills

- Talk to people
- Work shadowing
- Voluntary work experience
- Freelance projects/consultancy work
- Short term work
- Medical Sciences/Oxford Learning Institute/IT training



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Make an action plan!

- Set SMART objectives:
 - Specific
 - Measurable
 - Achievable
 - Realistic
 - Time bound
- And keep reviewing your progress



Get in touch for extra support

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