

Academic Careers in Public Health

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"It's your job to keep an eye on the bigger picture"

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Are you **passionate**? Do you possess the **drive and vision** to make all our lives better by improving how and where we live?

Are you a **leader, facilitator and skilled communicator**?

A **strategic and critical thinker** whose field of vision always encompasses the 'bigger picture'?

Do you enjoy **statistics** and finding **evidence-based solutions** to complex problems?



Why become an academic in public health?

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- Some qualitative data.....my own story.....
- Phase 1: enjoyed undergraduate epidemiology and evidence based medicine
- Phase 2: frustrated junior doctor in general medicine
- Phase 3: lecturer post in “community medicine”, SL in Cardiff, Bristol.

What do you need to be?

Research oriented

- Excited by finding out
- Entrepreneurial - keen to gain funding, recruit and develop staff, publish and present - running your own small business!
- A good eye for detail
- A completer/finisher
- Drawn to the technical underpinning of our discipline - epidemiology, statistics, qualitative methods

A committed communicator

- Teaching innovator
- Clear presenter
- **Be aware that not many academic careers are based only on teaching excellence**

You are not alone!

Academics at consultant level -
about 20% of PH workforce