

Program « What to do with a Master's/PhD degree in Neuroscience ? »

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Room H4-02-A

Theoretical neuroscience has experienced explosive growth over the past 20 years. It brought new researchers into the field with different backgrounds (biology, psychology, physics, mathematics, computer science, engineering etc.) and led to the development of training programs in neuroscience all over the world and to an increasing number of students in neuroscience. Additionally, these theoretical approaches have helped to introduce new ideas and shape directions of neuroscience applications. We regularly hear about the use of neuroscience in many new fields: data management, education, neuro-finance and neuro-marketing, artificial intelligence, health innovation etc. On request of our Master students in Neuroscience, we propose this first discussion about the current possible careers in neuroscience with different testimonies followed by open discussions. What and where are the current needs in neuroscientists? What to do with a Master's/PhD degree in Neuroscience?

09:15 Welcome coffee

09:30 **Delphine Jochaut**, Opening and welcome words, Presentation of the statistics about the future of our students in Neuroscience at UNIGE

Session 1: The main pathway for research

◇ **Doing a PhD**

09:45 **Ulrike Toepel**, coordinator of the Lemanic Doctoral School in Neuroscience (LNDS) and research associate, presentation of the LNDS, testimony

◇ **Having an academic career**

10:00 **Kimberly Doell**, postdoctoral research fellow, UNIGE, testimony

10:15 **tba**, testimony

◇ **Staying in the academic system and doing something related to Neuroscience**

10:30 **Delphine Jochaut**, Coordinator of the Master in Neuroscience, UNIGE, testimony

10:40 **Elsa Meylan**, Animal Welfare Officer, UNIGE, testimony

10:50 Open discussion

11:00 Coffee break

Session 2: And what else than research with a diploma in neuroscience?

◇ **Who is looking for neuroscientists?**

11:20 **Ewa Miendlarzewska**, Associate Professor in Neuroscience and Management International Management School Geneva (imsg)

◇ **Without a PhD**

11:35 **Laura Juan Galmes**, junior data scientist, Rodanotech, testimony

11:40 **Victoria Aroworade**, strategic project at the Foundation of Innovative Diagnostics, testimony

11:45 **Alexandre Blanc**, data scientist, Cross Systems, testimony

◇ **With a PhD**

12:00 **Aline Pichon**, dd analytics lead - sales strategist, Vanguard, testimony

12:15 **Shanaz Diessler**, innovation & Healthcare senior consultant, Alcimed, testimony

12:30 Open discussion: *what new teaching units would be useful for the Master Program in Neuroscience of UNIGE?*