

Researchers at Risk: a host university perspective

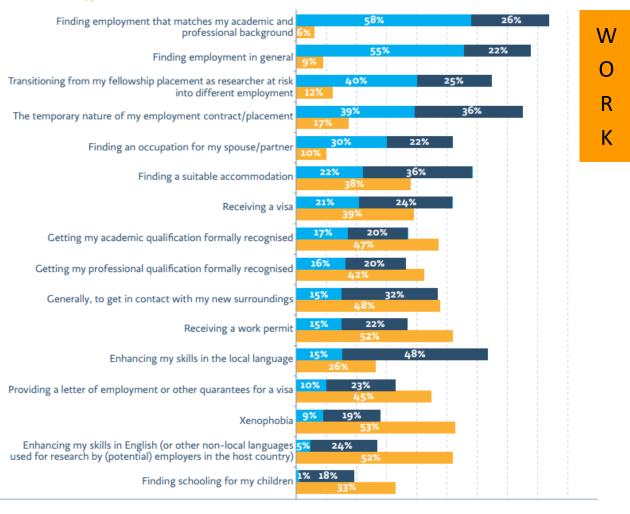
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Figure 12: Main challenges faced by researchers at risk (RQ16: According to your experience as researcher at risk in Europe, how would you rate the following issues in your current country of residence? N=87)



Challenging

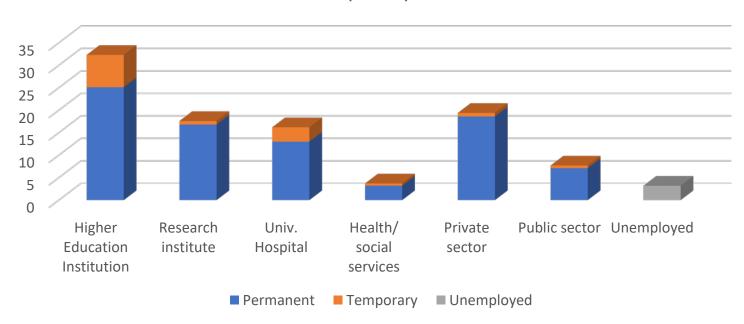
No problem

Very challenging



Career prospects for PhDs

Example: Norwegian PhD candidates 6 years after graduation (2019)





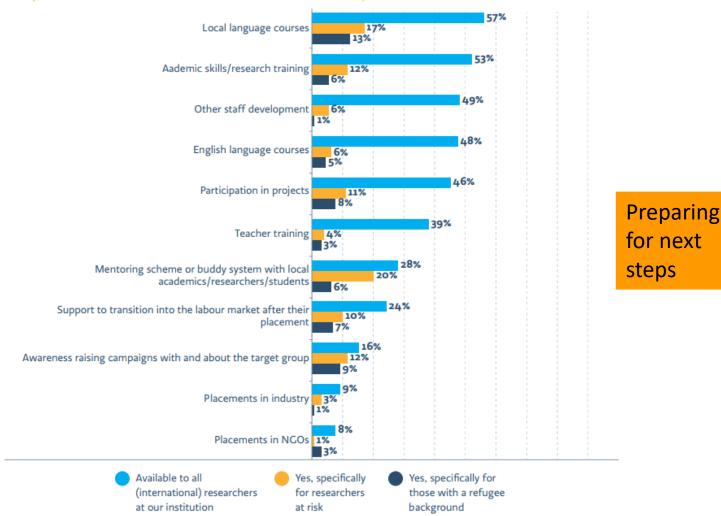
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Figure 10: Support services and activities offered by hosts (HQ16: Does your institution offer any of the specific services or activities for researchers at risk? N=118)







My recommendations

- A good academic fit between the host institution and researcher hosted is paramount to a successful and productive visit for both parties.
- Planning for the entire duration of the position/fellowship pre-arrival to transition to next career steps
- A safe environment researcher and family
- A dedicated academic mentor/contact person who gets to know the researcher and knows the new context
- Regular communications and check-ins with the scholar
- Considering if language acquisition is important or maybe not
- Scholars who have been well-integrated, received professional development support and have taken advantage of networking/speaking opportunities find transition smoother and have more opportunities available to them than those who don't.



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