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CHECKLIST #1: CONSULTING AFTER PHD DECISION MAKING

Career in Consulting Checklist for PhDs and ADCs

Turn your research skills into real-world impact

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Consulting Job

- [ ] Understand what consultants actually do
- [ ] Decide breadth versus depth
- [ ] Try consulting cases [Try here]
- [ ] Test your interest in business [Try here]
- [ ] Test comfort with speed and ambiguity
- [ ] Evaluate lifestyle and hours

2

Consulting Industry

- [ ] Compare strategy, operations and specialist firms
- [ ] Compare generalist versus specialist consulting
- [ ] Compare consulting against your other options
- [ ] Understand expected working hours
- [ ] Check visa (H1-B, TN, etc) requirements for international students
- [ ] Check special visa (O-1) requirements operations) to cases

3

Salary, Benefits & Exit Financials

- [ ] Understand base salary
- [ ] Understand signing and performance bonuses
- [ ] Review healthcare and other benefits
- [ ] Map five to ten year progression
- [ ] Understand opportunity cost of staying in academia
- [ ] Review exit options and future earnings

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Next Step

- [ ] Review Bridge Program Checklist [Click here]

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