

Preparing for and Living an Academic Life

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Preparation during Graduate School

Identifying your future goals – what kind of work, position, institution

- Have conversations with people in these different areas about their work
- Write about your research goals, trajectory
- Read job posting for required skills, disciplinary or thematic foci
- Develop a network of colleagues who KNOW your work (references)
 - Seek out mentors

Entering Academic Life

- Refine your research foci
- Engage with colleagues at the University, in the community, and in the profession
- Prioritize your scholarly engagements
- Learn how to say NO gracefully and with confidence

Balance? Or Finding Satisfaction and Sanity? among the Multiple Possibilities (Responsibilities)

- Teaching – what strengths? What access to students?
 - Developing courses
- Research – duration of projects; keeping research agenda going over time
- Grants – finding, writing, managing
- Writing – publishing/presenting
- Advising – adapting to different roles; records; recommendations
- Administration/meetings (engagement with U😊)
- Engagement with community – e.g., relationships with schools
- Engagement with profession – which professional organizations, which kinds of commitment
- Personal life – partner, family, doing other things that make you sing

Everything we do contributes to our effort to practice Right Livelihood.

– Right livelihood is finding a way to earn your living while not transgressing your ideals of love and compassion.

» Thich Nhat Hanh