

How (not) to Become a Professor

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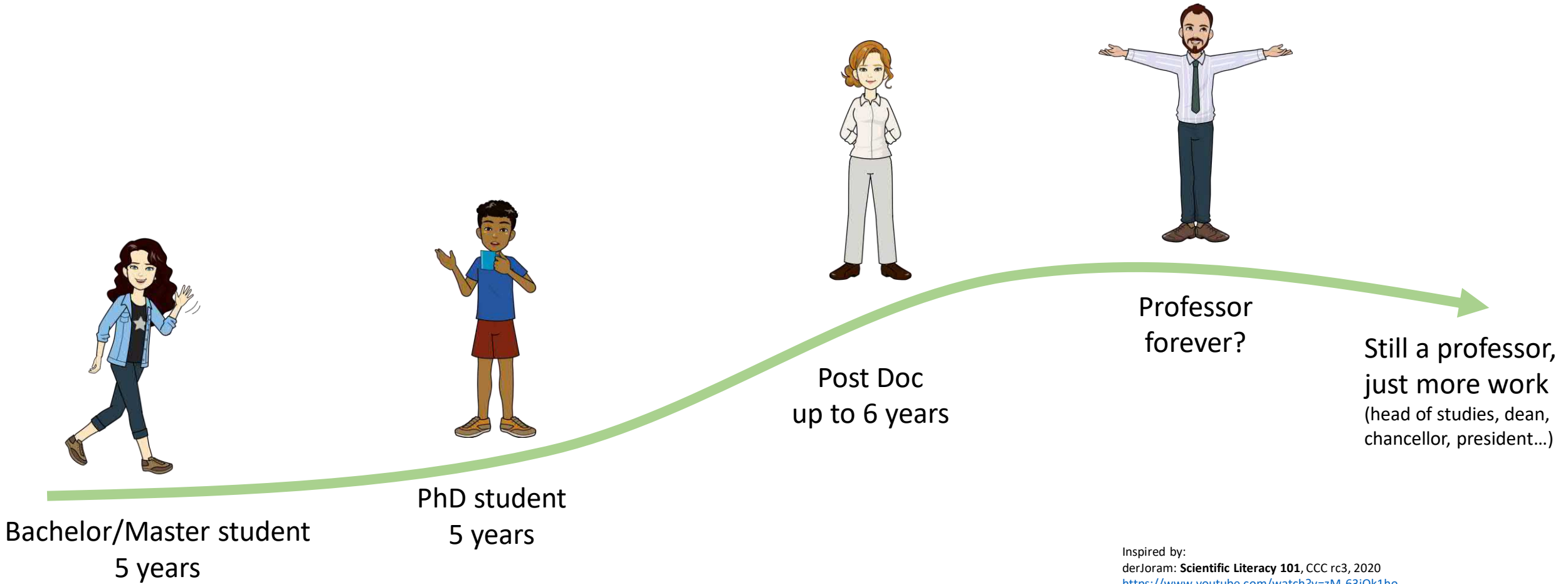
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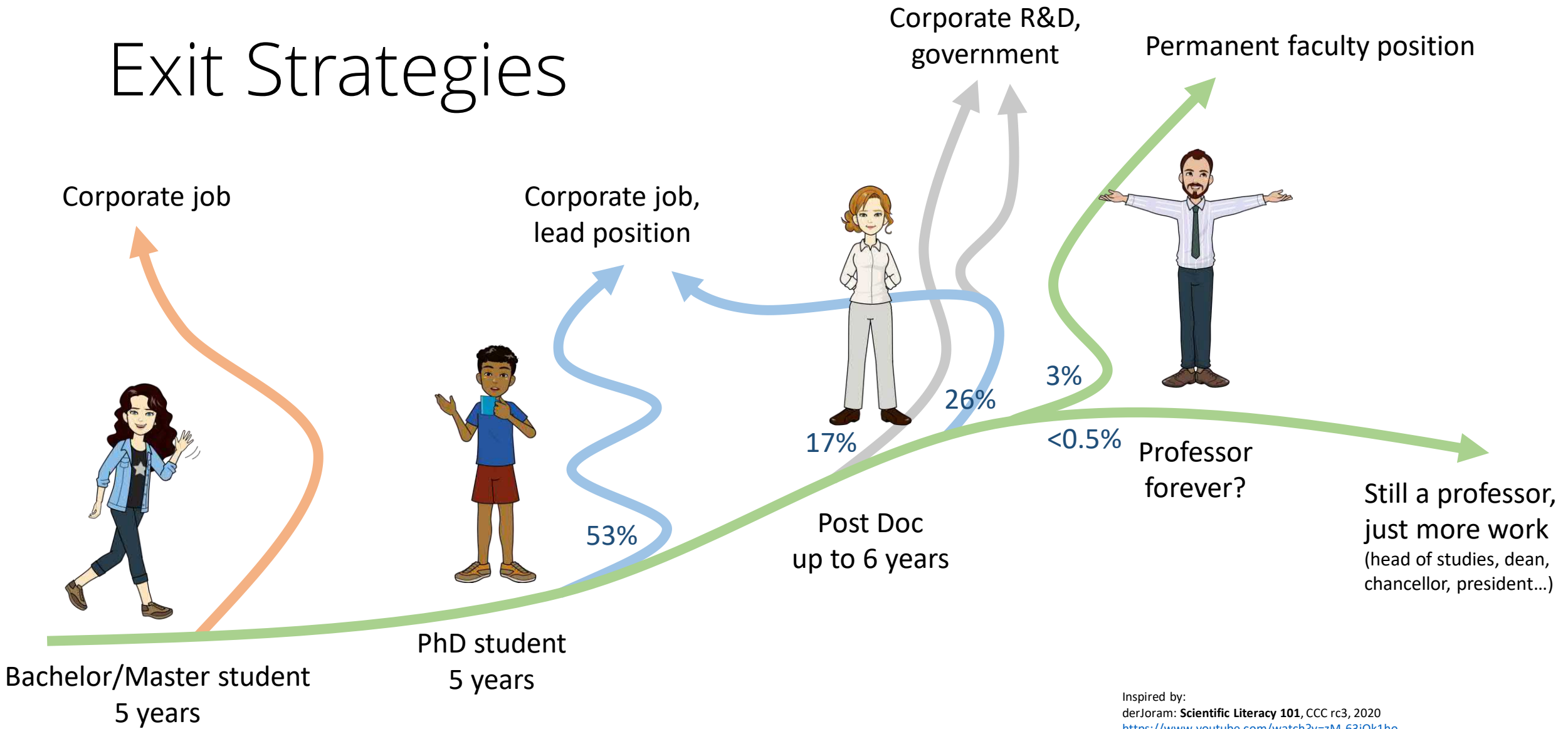
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Academic Career Path



Exit Strategies



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My Life on a Slide



Bachelor/Master student
5 years



PhD student
5 years



Post Doc
up to 6 years

26%

Teacher at
univ. appl. sciences



Professor
forever?

Still a professor,
just more work
(head of studies, dean,
chancellor, president...)

CEO
PPP

Honorary post

High school teacher

random tech gigs

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Leadership

- can continuously work 60+ h/week
- can delegate tasks, but not responsibility
- functions well in an environment of high uncertainty
- work \neq time
- „people skills“

Things that worked for me

- What makes you happy?
- Distinguish between trading time for money and trading skills for money.
- Learn to recognize chances, but think well before taking them.
 - Career sometimes forces itself on you!
- Understand and use your skills
(not the skills you secretly want to have, but actually don't have).
 - Well, you've got a PhD, you can learn anything. Seriously!
 - But there are things that you're good at and there are things that you're mostly mediocre at.
- Reflect regularly.

About You

- Where are you?
- Where are you heading to?



Microsoft campaign, 1994

Günter Faltin

Kopf schlägt Kapital – Die ganz andere Art, ein Unternehmen zu gründen.

Malcolm Gladwell

Überflieger – Warum manche Menschen erfolgreich sind und andere nicht.

Steffi Burkhart

Die spinnen, die Jungen – eine Gebrauchsanweisung für die Generation Y.

Vicki Robin

Your Money or your life.

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Forschen auf Deutsch.

Yuval Noah Harari

Eine kurze Geschichte der Menschheit.

Homo Deus – Eine Geschichte von Morgen.

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WITH MONIQUE TILFORD



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DIE SPINNEN, DIE JUNGEN!



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