

# **Running the Gamut: Alternative Career Paths for Theoretical Scientists**

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A graduate education in theoretical sciences teaches a series of skills that are essential for career success in academic research. Some of these skills are also valuable for jobs in industrial R&D and in academic support for the research enterprise, such as in the case of research development professionals supporting the development of large interdisciplinary grant proposals. However, a complementary set of skills must be learned along the way.