

# How do you develop a career at the policy-research interface?

Effective and evidence-informed policymaking requires systems to support the use of research for policy decisions. Yet, careers at the policy-research interface may be ill-defined and require reframing of identities.

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## INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Create their own opportunities.
- Highly driven, self-motivated, resilient, and tenacious.
- Seeing impact.



## ENABLERS

- Effective mentoring and training.
- Building relational networks.
- Having deep contextual knowledge.



## BARRIERS

- Lack of secure research positions.
- Absence of shared understanding of career structure.
- Lack of organisational infrastructure and leadership.

We would love to hear your views on careers at the policy-research interface. Join the conversation in our [Padlet](#).

