



About David

David Mendes' story is one many PhDs know. At the end of graduate school, the prospect of an academic career had lost its luster along with his initial goal of becoming a professor. With virtually no professional network and plans to start a family, David had to scramble and figure things out fast. Eventually, he found that his life sciences background and language skills could be leveraged in the medical communications space, where he now offers specialized translation and medical writing services. Since 2019, David produces and hosts Papa PhD, a show where he shares the stories of guests with the most varied post-PhD career journeys. Having honed his listening and interviewing skills as the host of Papa PhD, David leverages them as a guest with naturality and a congenial presence.

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About Papa PhD

Papa PhD is the bilingual (EN/FR) podcast for those who are unsure about their professional prospects as a PhD or after a postdoc. The show's mission is to dispel these doubts and fears and to present graduate studies as a valuable path to becoming a fulfilled, valuable professional in the 21st century. From over 150 conversations on the podcast, David has distilled core lessons about how PhDs impact the social and economic world around them.



David speaks:

English, French, Portuguese

Suggested Topics

- The urgency of taking ownership of your professional narrative as a young researcher
- The hierarchy of where to focus your time and energy during your graduate school journey
- The strategy behind focusing inward before looking at job postings when starting your job search
- The power of building a strong professional narrative even before dreaming of putting yourself on the job market
- Why the world needs PhDs outside of university walls