So you’ve ruined your life: What comes after a PhD?

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SO YOU'VE RUINED YOUR LIFE
Go someplace new
Do highest quality work
Collaborate
Expand
Teach
Fundraise
Advise
Options

Post-doc

Industrial research lab

Visiting faculty
Examples

http://www.cifellows.org/

http://www.ttic.edu/

Be visible
Keep an eye on the job market

http://www.cra.org/ads/

http://jobs.acm.org/c/search_results.cfm?site_id=1603
Network, network, network

★ Go to conferences
★ Talk to lots of people
★ Organize a workshop
★ Serve on program committees
★ Serve on NSF panels

Somebody gets you an interview; not something.
It’s never too early to think about your job talk

★ Have a vision
★ Give excellent research talks
★ Publish at highest-quality conferences
★ Visit and practice
★ Throw out LaTeX now

Your job talk is what gets you a job.
Random thoughts

★ Invest in a mentor
★ Stop acting like a grad student
★ Don’t let the job search get you down (it will)
★ Advice is given by survivors

“This is actually happening.” — G. Marcus
Work harder.