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You have 80,000 hours in your career.

With that same theme, [#80000Hours](#) is an initiative dedicated to helping people identify fulfilling and impactful career paths. I recently went through their career guide and here are some key takeaways:

The 3 Career Stages:

Explore: Don't just "go with your gut" (forget that 'Passion' pep-talk) or narrow down too soon. Take time to explore different paths.

Build career capital: Choose roles that help you gain valuable skills, reputation, connections, character, and financial stability. Invest deeply in your personal growth until you've taken the best opportunities to prepare yourself.

Deploy: Use your career capital to tackle pressing global problems, while also aligning with your personal values and criteria.

How to Aim Long-Term:

Focus on pressing social problems that are big in scale, neglected, and solvable. (For me, this is AI Alignment.)

Think broadly about all the ways you might contribute, then identify the skills and roles where you can make the biggest impact.

Double down on personal fit. For me, this aligns with IKIGAI and my own "specific knowledge" criteria.

Other Lessons:

Eliminate paths with serious downsides (burnout, harm, or unsustainable choices). Always keep a Plan B and Plan Z. But once that's in place, aim high.

When job hunting, don't just send CVs. Leverage your network, get warm leads, and most importantly, prove you can do the work by actually doing it.

Remember: You have 80,000 hours in your career. Don't waste them.

Resources:

 Guide <https://lnkd.in/dT9uz5aA>

 Audio version <https://lnkd.in/dUUgzPhJ>

 Summary <https://lnkd.in/dNfTdmJx>

 Free eBook https://lnkd.in/dvjU4N_D

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