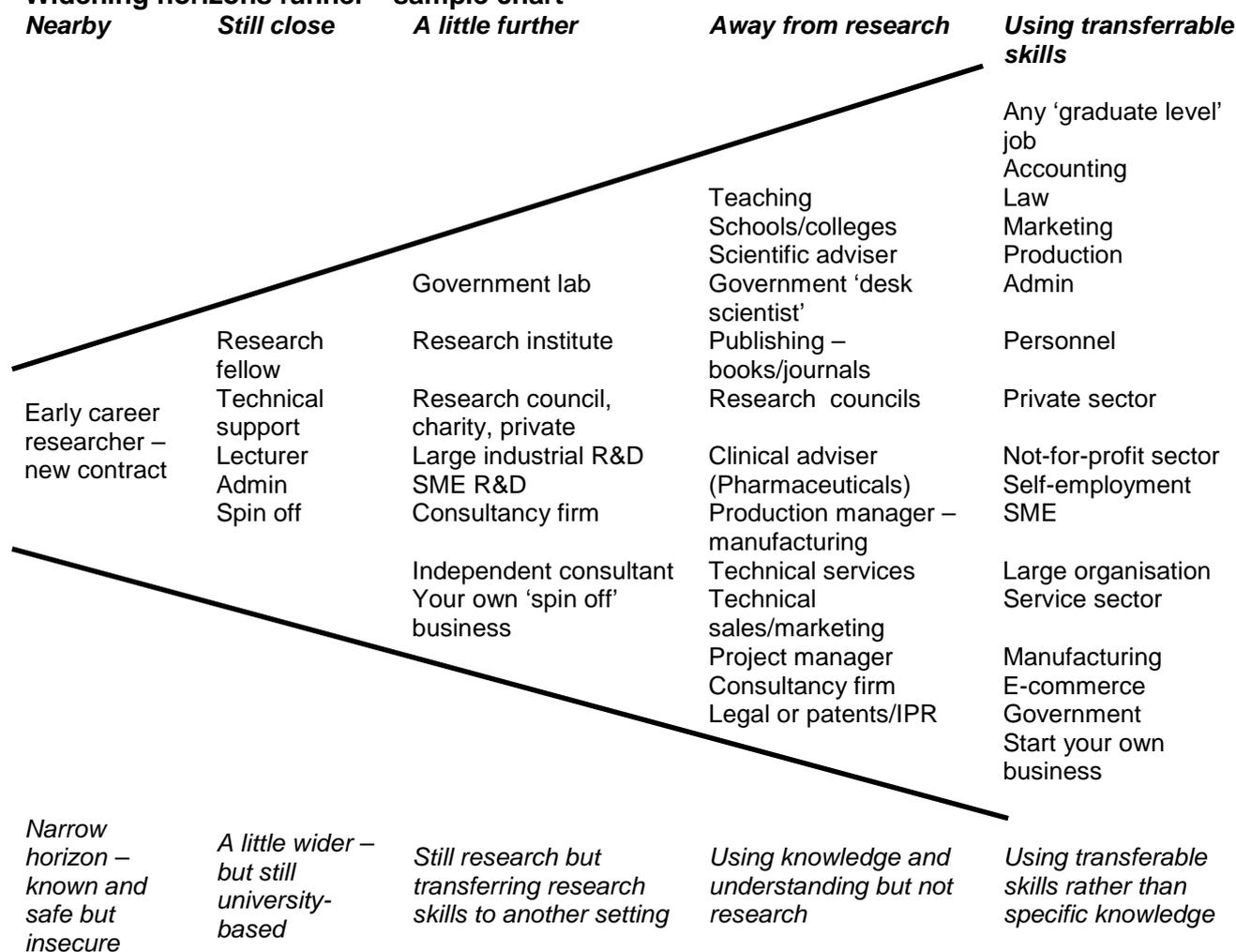


## Widening horizons

Building on the job-clip exercise, this session enables you to translate the job elements that appeal to you into potential jobs that you might investigate further. We will do this by considering a wide possibility of roles before narrowing down the list to actual jobs that you might like to investigate.

You may have little or no idea of what you would like to do in the future, so this session will help you begin to narrow down the possibilities. You may have a quite clear or definite idea of what you want to do and are maybe wondering what you will get from this session. This session is still important to you because if, for whatever reason, you are unable to obtain the job you want, it is important to have a back-up plan and this is an opportunity for you to start thinking about it.

### Widening horizons funnel – sample chart <sup>1</sup>

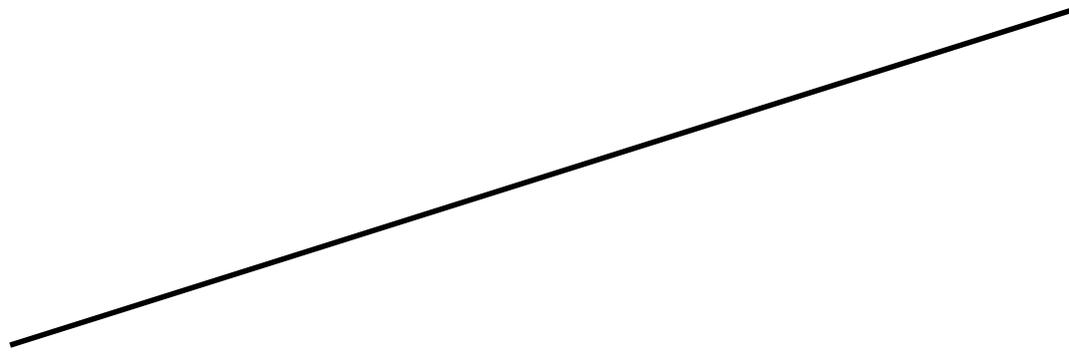


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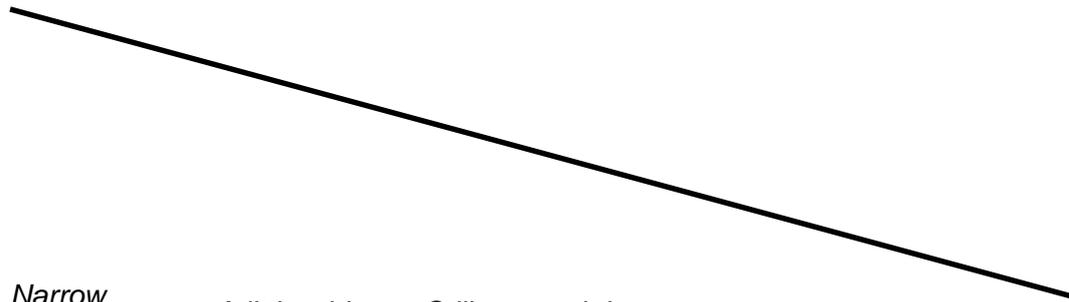
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**Widening horizons funnel<sup>2</sup>**

*Nearby      Still close      A little further      Away from research      Using transferrable skills*



Early career researcher – new contract



*Narrow horizon – known and safe but insecure      A little wider – but still university-based      Still research but transferring research skills to another setting      Using knowledge and understanding but not research      Using transferable skills rather than specific knowledge*



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