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There is a widely known perception that opting for a career in the Sciences is challenging undertaking and also one of the difficult choices that postgraduate students make as they pursue careers. A study was conducted on the influences that inform postgraduate students to embark on their respective careers. Over and above the challenges that the students come across, especially after their undergraduate studies, the data gathered in this study reveals that most students and consequently academics and professionals end up in their fields of specialty due to other reasons other than the passion for the field. Data has been collected from students from various faculties although a special attention was given to Physics-related careers.

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