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Academic Careers for Effective, Efficient Grad Students and Post-Docs

Should you aim for an academic career? If yes, what academic role and what type of institution are most appropriate? What are the steps in obtaining an academic position? And what happens when you start an academic position?

Research universities want to hire people who are outstanding at research in their graduate and post-doc programs. Undergraduate institutions want to hire people with a passion to teach who have become good teachers during their graduate and post-doc programs. To accomplish either of these goals you need to become an effective, efficient graduate student or post-doc. Methods to accomplish these tasks will be explored.