

Becoming a Postdoc: How to choose the right mentor and make the most of your postdoctoral training

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Abstract:

Postdoctoral training is a necessary step to become faculty in most STEM fields. Recently postdoctoral positions in the social sciences and humanities have become common as well. This session will focus on the critical aspects graduate students need to consider when selecting a postdoc position. Choosing the right postdoctoral mentor is crucial for success but this is not enough. Understanding their responsibility for driving their career and professional development is also essential. Learning what resources to look for and how to approach this training period increases the chances of success at this level. This workshop will include topics such as funding, mentorship, career development, job responsibilities, and benefits.

Notes:

This presentation will be very interactive. After a presentation about tips for success, we'll have a group exercise to identify how participants need to evaluate postdoctoral opportunities.