

A Levy Walk Experience to an Academic Career

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What Are Key Things For An Academic Path

Keep reading & listening outside your area



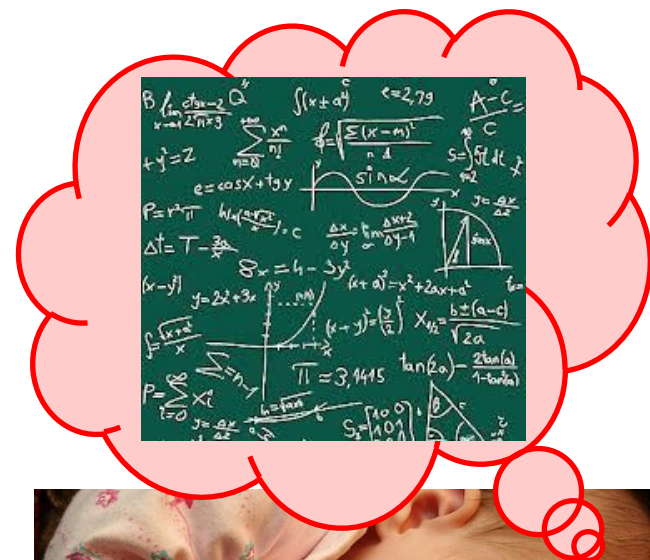
<http://echouser.com/blog/whos-reading-your-writing-ux-for-authors/>

Keep learning by trial and error outside your area



<http://www.3sigma.com/zen-and-the-ar-of-falling/>

Keep dreaming about science & engineering

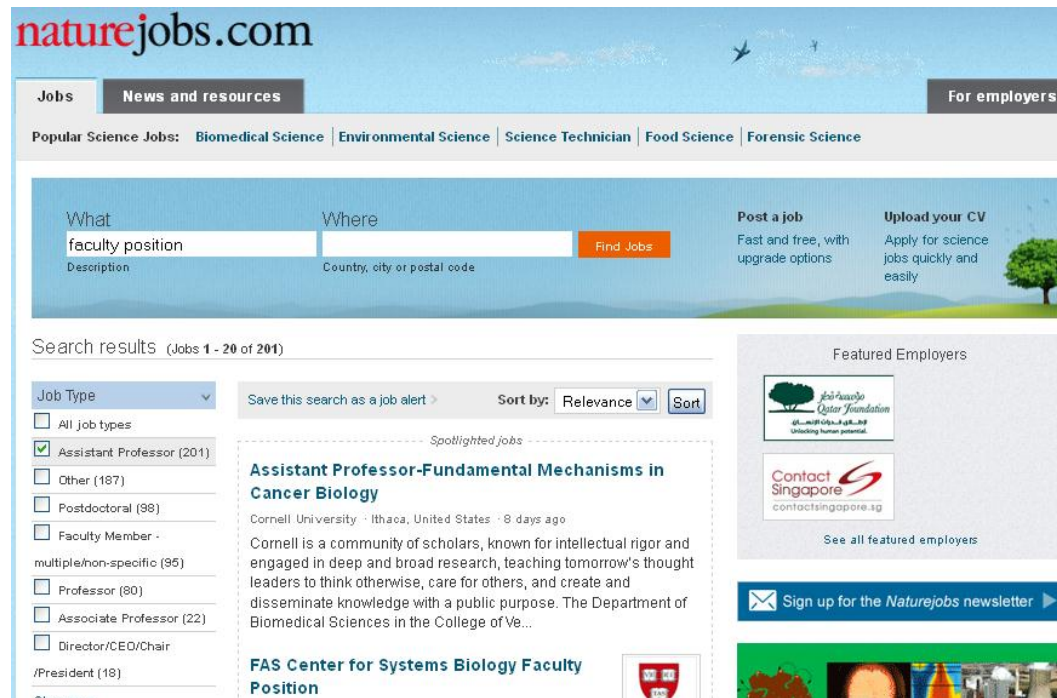


scopeblog.stanford.edu/2012/01/05/sleep-baby-sleep-infants-sleep-difficulties-could-signal-future-problems/

How To Find Out About Open Positions?

Plenty of science & engineering job search specific websites **BUT**

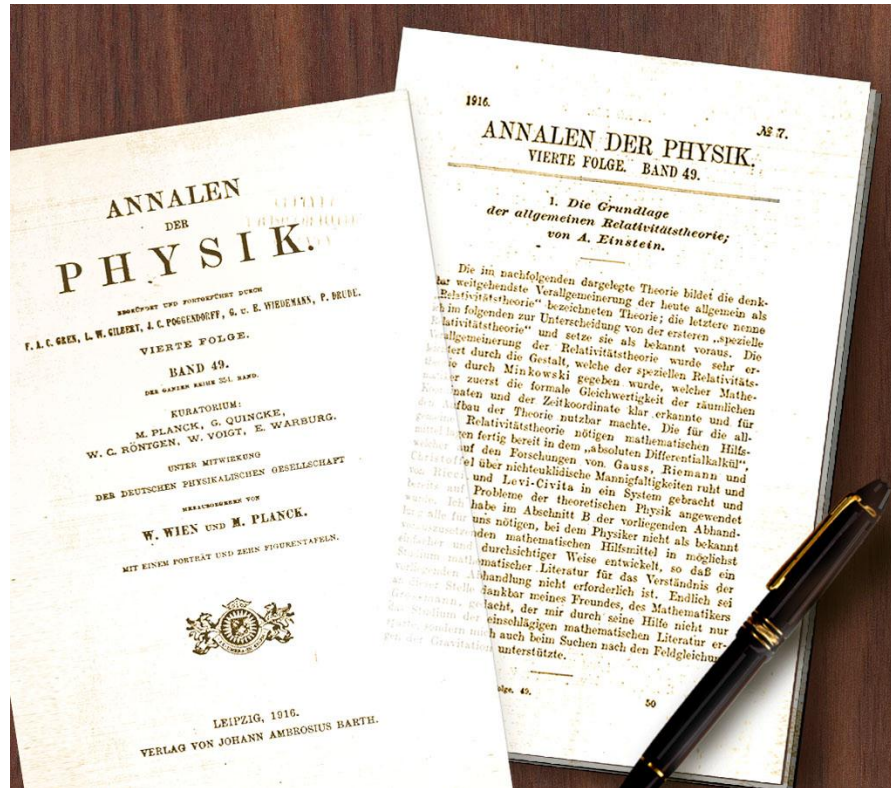
Interaction Matters!
(talks / posters / presentations / discussions)



Standing Out Among Fierce Competition

Quality (Ask & solve questions no one asked)

Publications



<http://dingeengoete.blogspot.com/2012/03/this-day-in-history-mar-14-1879-albert.html>

“Fame”

Recommendations

Awards

Quantity

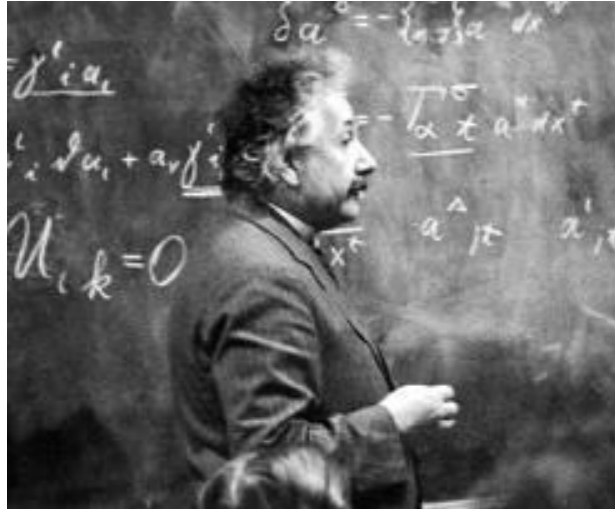
Key Elements for Interviews

Be rigorous and show that you are highly qualified, but be ready to accept criticism



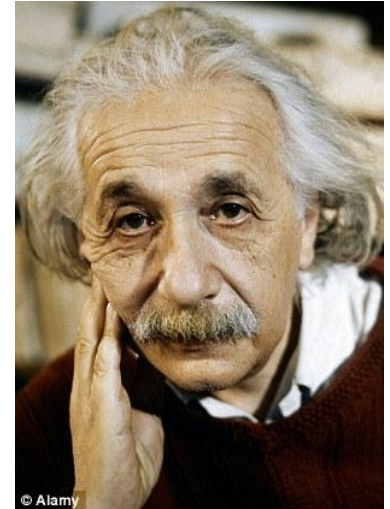
<http://web.gc.cuny.edu/sciart/0405/transcript.htm>

Be enthusiastic & open minded about your work & your interacting swarm



<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/media/87125>

DO NOT
Ignore
Dismiss
Forget
Get tired



<http://www.dailymail.co.uk>

Even if they don't *need* you – make them *want* you !

Advice for a Successful Application

Be creative, honest & work hard!

Accept interaction!

Attend conferences & ask questions

Collaborate & share

Apply for awards

Discuss your research

Accept service (conf. / journal reviews)

The struggle itself toward the heights
is enough to fill a man's heart.
One must imagine Sisyphus happy.
---Albert Camus

