

TOP 5 TIPS

What can researchers do? STEM skills outside the academy



IF YOU MEET HALF THE CRITERIA, GO FOR IT

Don't be dismayed if you don't meet all the essential criteria for a job. If you want it, go for it. Remember that you bring more than just your technical skills, you learn quickly, and your application might inspire new goals or directions that the employer hadn't previously considered.



YOUR SOFT SKILLS ARE IMPORTANT

It's easy to forget that your "soft skills", such as self-motivation, problem solving and networking, are actually most important to employers. These hard-earned traits developed over years of research are what make postdocs attractive across many fields and sectors.



ENJOY WHAT YOU DO

If you keep sight of your passion, you'll be good at what you do. Follow what makes you excited.



DON'T WORRY – YOU'RE HIGHLY EMPLOYABLE

In comparison with other sectors, postdocs are highly competitive. Don't forget that in a sense you've already "made it".



DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE

Careers outside academia are waiting and the possibilities are great. If you do want to work outside the academy, do so.