

# Golden rules for planning a research career

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- Careers are like evolution
- Be flexible: it is now possible to move from academia to industry and back
- If research is not fun, do not consider a career in academia
- If you want a 9 to 5 job forget academia
- If you like lots of independence and do not like a line manager looking over your shoulders industry is probably not for you

- Don't get into a subculture where h index and your last grant dominate your life
- Research can be addictive e.g. cocaine
- Being an academic does not mean being poor or living on the breadline
- If you are in science or engineering learn to write not just good research papers and grants but also patents.
- Be loyal to people not to institutions

# Questions/Thank you