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Behind the data

Measuring your progress

Early-career scientists face a significant hurdle: establishing their credentials via journal publications. Knowing where to publish and tracking your progress compared with your peers can support your career at any level. Research Trends reviews the best bibliometric indicators of success.

Social networking in academia

Academic research into and academics' use of social-networking sites has exploded in recent years, but no tool to rival Facebook or LinkedIn has yet caught the attention of the entire academic community. Research Trends introduces the main players.

An international start to a high-flying academic career

Most young professionals understand that international experience can boost their career prospects, and they are increasingly seeking such opportunities. However, early-career researchers seem less eager to spread their wings. Research Trends discusses the merits of international research.

Secrets of early success

Getting an academic career off the ground can be a daunting challenge, involving a lot of hard work. We speak to six successful early-career researchers from the UK/US, Poland and India about their work ethic, and how they and others measure their performance.

The importance of inspirational researchers

Ask any researcher how they started out, and they will often say it was thanks to a unique individual who inspired them to pursue a career in science. Indeed, the banquet speeches of Nobel Laureates are typically peppered with references to their mentors. Research Trends asked our successful early-career researchers featured in the previous article one more question: which researcher has inspired you most in your career, and why?