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Department - Pharmacology
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Describe a typical day?

Teaching or preparing for a lecture; meeting with students from class and meeting with research students; setting up the lab.

On occasion, there is a speaker who will come and the faculty have a meal with them and listen to their talk.

What do you enjoy most?

Interacting and mentoring students

What are some of the challenges?

Lack of time to do research and lack of resources to do research.

What is the biggest misconception about your career field?

Teaching is very time consuming and it is not easier than doing research at a level one research institute.

How did you find out about your current position?

Higher Chronicles of Learning emails.

What strategies or resources did you find most helpful during your job search?

The special seminars, workshops, meeting with the counselors, mock job interview, networking with other postdocs interested in teaching, the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Looking back on your time as a postdoc or your job search, what do you wish you would have done differently?

I wish I would have done a postdoc in a lab that uses a cheaper model system than mammalian tissue culture.

What career planning and/or job search advice do you have for current postdocs interested in your career field?

Talk to as many people in the position you wish to obtain and get as much teaching experience as possible. Use the OPS office resources because they are great!