

How to get an academic job:

1. Do good and interesting work
2. Publish and present it a lot
3. Work hard on your presentation skills, starting as early as possible
4. Get practice teaching and doing service
5. Select and cultivate references
6. Capitalize on connections; schmooze
7. Work hard on
 - CV
 - Research statement
 - Teaching statement
 - Cover letter

RESOURCES:

"Networking on the Network" is a free 120-page guide to professional skills for PhD students. It explains in great detail how to speak at a conference, build a community around your research topic, write a dissertation, get a job, advise others, and become a leader in your field. Professional networking cannot substitute for good research, but good research cannot substitute for networking either. Networking and research go together, and "Networking on the Network" explains analytically and ethically just how. It also includes an extensive bibliography. It is available on the Web:

dliis.gseis.ucla.edu/people/pagre/network.html

For web-type resources, I'd recommend joining "Tomorrow's Professor Listsev":

sll.stanford.edu/projects/tomprof/newtomprof/index.shtml

Other useful sites:

www.phds.org

www.preparing-faculty.org/PFFWeb.Resources.htm

However, I think the most important resource is people. "Talk with your advisor, talk with other professors, talk with your fellow grad students ..." Also, go to conferences and actually make contacts (easier if you're an extrovert...)

Additionally, apply for fellowships. (The Fulbright on my resume helped me, I think.)

For example:

www.fastlane.nsf.gov/jsp/homepage/grad_research_fel.jsp

<http://www.hertzfndn.org/awards.html>

Also, do summer internships. This will also help you make contacts. For example:

www.parc.xerox.com/parc/summerinterns/sites.html

www.nasa-academy.org/resources/internship.html