

## LOOKING TO SUCCEED AS AN ACADEMICIAN? DETERMINE TO ACQUIRE RESEARCH SKILLS

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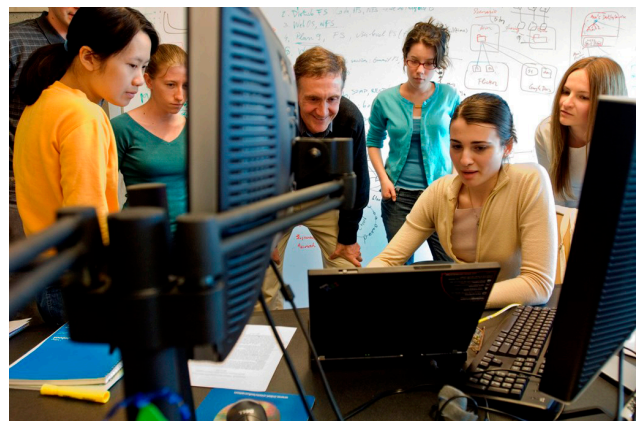
It's always good to remember that being good and waiting to get noticed just isn't enough in an academic profession. We are in an environment with chockfull of competitors. There are lots of smart people, smart as much as you and just as hardworking. We need to seek ways to utilize our knowledge to get peoples gratitude to the effort we put on. We need to gaze for alternative pathways to occupy our analytical minds to contribute to the society. We need to seek opportunities to build a good networking to survive such a competitive environment.



But the BIG question is how? The answer is very simple. If we want to succeed or tenure our positions at an institute we must understand the many skills and qualities required for a professional academic. The very principal skills that required are writing and speaking skills.

Although we know this is an imperative skill, for

many of us still find it's tough and as an academic to an institution, the contributions we provide them could be very daunting. It's not wrong to say that most of us find walking into a room full of strangers and being social, approaching an eminent researcher at a conference, or initiating a correspondence with someone you have never met may feel awkward and uncomfortable. Yet, this is probably one of the most essential and useful skills to have as an academic.



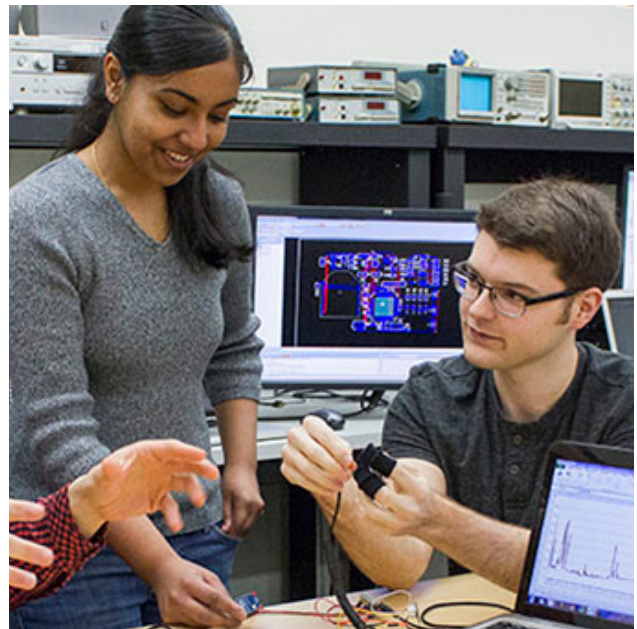
So how can we console these awkward moments? One perfect solution would be to engaged more in research projects and explore our own ideas as an independent investigator. Writing research is not only a science but also an art and we strongly believe it is not easy. But it doesn't mean that we cannot do it. Vesting our effort with curiosity can ease our work and determining to face and prove it will definitely build our confidence in it. Research is an area that we can acquire this self-esteem in us. Researchers, the work they do

can have academic, commercial, political, social, or scientific impact. Through this explorations they can advance society's understanding and appreciation of a particular subject, or develop products or practical applications based on their findings, or advocate changes in their organization's that are in need. Researchers have an inquisitive mind, a hunger for knowledge, and a passion for their subject. Engaging in research work will force you to step forward to seek better platforms to display the data you have gathered and learn the good communication skills to present your findings to the public, a professional group, or to your boss.



Engaging such projects with determination will help us to initiative and take the lead, even if we are working on collaborative project. These collaborative opportunities could be used as ways build the academic network. Let's consider the advice suggested by Dr Angelia Wilson, Senior Lecturer of Manchester, try to read as much as other

people's work and try to find holes in it. And fill that holes or gaps with novel ideas and explorations. Her advice perfectly fits the responsibility of an academician.



To perfectly fit into this profession the only thing we required is honest and hard work with patience and perseverance. Therefore if we want to succeed as academic we need to be more organized and highly disciplined and understand our priorities. Let's devote ourselves to ensure that we carve out enough time for our own research. Try to manage our times productively rather spending more on social networks. Let's glow the sector by enhancing our capacity to conduct high quality research. This knowledge can surely assist us to improve our educational institutions. Let's take moral responsibility on ourselves to educate our juniors, teachers and students to conduct good and honest research and then step ahead for publications.