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(position, time period, lab or PI, research institute, Country)

1. Postdoc Francis Crick Institute, London, UK
2. Postdoc, Department of Biochemistry, Cambridge, UK

What do you think were the major milestones in your career that led to your position as group leader (e.g. could be motivations, publications, coincidences, "right" field of science, network)?

I am sure that CV is important factor. I have been lucky enough to be able to go to relatively prestigious Universities and institutes for my PhD and postdocs. However, that is rarely enough. After my first postdoc I applied for positions and did not get invited anywhere. I started looking into who was invited and realized that often (not always), the candidates had one or two key technologies that they mastered well and could bring to the respective institutions. So for my second postdoc I decided to focus on doing good research, but on the back of a strong technology (mass spectrometric imaging in my case). I think this helped a lot, as it was easier to sell a scientific profile as well as to bring an immediate benefit of a novel technology to the institute.

