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# My career path

- BSc Molecular Biology and Genetics, University of East Anglia
- PhD Molecular Genetics, University College London
- Research assistant Institute of Neurology, Data analyst [notschool.net](http://notschool.net)
- Research associate MRC Centre for Developmental Neurobiology



# Pros and Cons

- Variety
- Autonomy
- Rewarding
- Work life balance
- Juggling many balls
- (Less time for research)

# How to get a job in academia

- Research publications and grants
- Teaching experience
- Supervisory experience
- Awareness of higher education issues
- Communication, teamwork, leadership
- Apply!

# How to prepare

- University/company professional development courses
- Five year research plan
- Know your skills and experience
  - Fill any gaps

# Surviving the first two years

- Having a mentor
- At the helm - Kathy Barker
- Don't panic

# Questions?

