Industrial Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunities

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About Me

- B.A. in Biochemistry from the University of Kansas
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- MS/Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from the University of Kansas
- Postdoctoral Fellowship – UCSF
- Industrial Career
  - Rhone Poulenc Rorer (3 years)
  - Eli Lilly (17 years)
- Have had multiple Post Docs in my labs

Types of Industrial Fellowships

- Working full time in an industry lab

- Hybrids with industry and academic labs becoming more popular

- Summer Internships
  - Short term assignments

Why Do an Industrial Fellowship

- Gain a better understanding of what industry is like

- Access to certain resources or data types

- Transition into an industrial career
  - Experience and exposure key now in hiring decisions for full time employees
  - No guarantee of hiring!
  - Some companies do not hire their post docs

How to Find an Industrial Fellowship

- Contact your network
- Ask your advisor
  - We contact our network!
- Contact people you have met/seen present at meetings
- Contact people whose work you admire and want to do
- Look at company websites
  - Then find a contact!

Things to Think About

- Think three steps ahead
  - Know why you are doing a Post Doc
- Make sure all work can be published!
- Will your advisor develop you?
- Networking is key – always work to build your network
- Have mentors to help you navigate
  - Mentors can serve different purposes
  - Get to know people outside your area!

Things to Think About

- Don't listen to what anyone else tells you. Think about who you are and what you want.
  - Environment you can survive in.
  - What is your balance.
  - What keeps you interested without burning out.
  - Feel good about the people you will be working with.
  - Does it fit with what is your next step?
  - Will your advisor give you what you need?

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