Industrial Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunities
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About Me

• B.A. in Biochemistry from the University of Kansas
• 1 year working in biochemistry labs
• 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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