

SUGGESTIONS FOR BECOMING

A MASTER RESEARCHER



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1. HAS GENUINE CURIOSITY.

- Is fascinated and interested in a topic or project beyond RTP and publication results.
- Is open-minded; willing to consider new and radically different ideas.

2. HAS DETERMINATION AND PERSEVERANCE.

- Never makes excuses.
- Is willing to work hard.
- Is not easily discouraged.
- Has high standards and strives for continuous improvement.

3. MANAGES TIME WISELY.

- Arranges teaching schedule to maximize and coordinate research time.
- Finds outstanding students to work with and develop.
- Knows how to get grants.
- Ties research and teaching together when possible and appropriate.

4. NETWORKS AND IS PROFESSIONALLY INVOLVED.

- Finds ways to interact and work with other researchers anywhere.
- Participates in professional organizations and attends conferences.
- Discusses research results and ideas with others including with colleagues in other disciplines that appear, on the surface, to be unrelated.

5. IS DEDICATED TO LEARNING MORE AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF OUTPUT.

- Finds ways to connect to and learn from other disciplines.
- Is open to and learns from critiques of one's own work.
- Reads to improve writing skills and style.

6. IS STRATEGIC IN FINDING OUTLETS FOR RESEARCH FINDINGS.

- Research interests, activities and publications are on researcher's webpage or blog.
- Strives to publish in top journals and present at top conferences.
- Publishes in reputable outlets with the widest distribution.