How to Get THAT Job
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1. Plan for your career years in advance. What excites you about being a professor? Where do you fall on the academic/practitioner spectrum? Are you willing to work in schools other than R-1? Are there nonacademic jobs you’d consider?

2. Do important work, be a good citizen, be a mensch, attend conferences, and meet people.

3. Come to a job with a winning trifecta of teaching, scholarship, and professional experience.

4. Find a mentor who is willing and able to explain your strengths.

5. Know the department you’re applying to. Write a job-specific cover letter.

6. Anticipate your strengths and weaknesses.

7. Read the books and articles of the people in your prospective department.

8. Prepare a job talk that tells your own story but also tells the story about your prospective department.

9. If you pass a bathroom during your all-day interview, use it.

10. Write thank-you notes.