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Tips for Career Planning in Drug Discovery

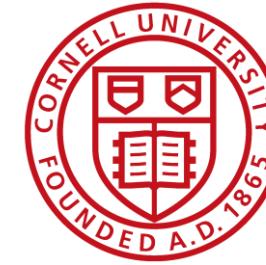
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My research background led me towards drug discovery

- BS in Nutritional Science, Cornell University
 - Thesis: establish mouse models of DNA damage checkpoints supported by internal research scholarship
 - Two summer internships at Pfizer
- PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology, UC Davis
 - Thesis: validate a novel anti-cancer target in DNA repair supported by TRDRP and NIH-NIGMS
 - Collaboration with Small Molecule Discovery Center at UCSF
 - Designated Emphasis in Biotechnology



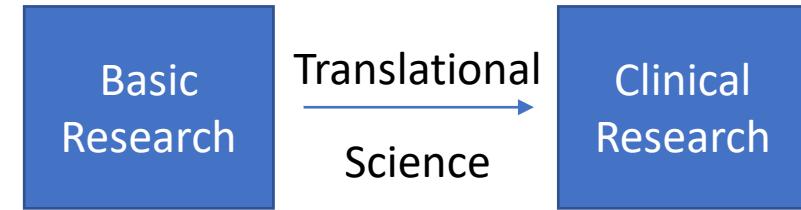
My research background led me towards drug discovery (continued)

- Postdoc in Pediatric Oncology, UC San Francisco
 - Research: uncover mechanism of action of novel anti-cancer small molecule inhibitor supported by DoD
 - Collaboration with industry partner that licensed the drug
- Toxicologist, Aligos Therapeutics, Inc.
 - Support small molecule and oligonucleotide discovery and development programs for anti-virals



Tips for career planning in drug discovery

- Conduct translational research
 - Find professors and labs that enable drug discovery
 - Search through lab funding, patents, industry or government collaborations and publications
 - Apply to research grants that support translational research
 - Intern outside of your academic lab



Tips for career planning in drug discovery (continued)

- Manage your own career development
 - Prepare Individual Development Plan
 - Seek out mentors outside of your research specialty
 - Visit career development offices and events
 - Attend conferences and webinars
 - Remember that it's never too early to start career planning



Tips for career planning in drug discovery (continued)

- Establish your online presence
 - Use LinkedIn to manage professional presence and contacts
 - Google yourself
- Network to share scientific ideas
 - Present at every opportunity you get
 - Join SOT regional and specialty subsections
 - Check out funding agency events
 - Conduct informational meetings
 - Add connections on LinkedIn and touch base every now and then



Thank you for listening!

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