

LMS Early Career Professional Development Panel

The academic job search

About this series

1. **(TODAY!)** The academic job search
2. **12pm Tuesday 30th November 2021** Starting your first postdoc
3. **February 2022** Writing and Publication
4. **March 2022** Building your research community

Follow the link on the webpage to sign up for the mailing list to get future Zoom links.

Overall advice:

1. Talk to your supervisor/postdoc mentor
2. Don't rely only on them.
3. Specifics depend on the country you are aiming at - get local advice from more than one person.
4. Be organised, and ready to advertise yourself. Have a webpage!
5. Cooperate with others at the same stage - there are enough jobs!

Application materials

1. CV
2. Research statement
3. Letters (3 is common, one from your supervisor, for some jobs a teaching letter)
4. Other material possible (e.g., publication list, diversity statement for some US jobs)

Where to find job ads

1. Depends on the country!
2. In the UK: Look at jobs.ac.uk (not completely comprehensive).
3. In the US: mathjobs.org (apply there too for most US jobs).
A named assistant professor (Szegő Assistant Professor, Doob Assistant Professor, Benjamin Pierce Assistant Professor etc) is a postdoc, and a fresh PhD will be hired. US postdocs teach.
4. Mailing lists for your area (e.g, COW/EAGER for algebraic geometry)
5. Other mailing lists (EWM).
6. Ask your supervisor, other colleagues, to forward ads to you.
7. Look at specific department webpages (and Cambridge Reporter/Oxford Gazette)

Time frame

1. Ask letter writers at least a month before your first deadline. Give them a copy of your CV, and a draft of your research statement, plus a list of deadlines you know about.
2. UK postdocs are advertised throughout the year (usually grant funded, so within a month of grant being announced). May be advertised shortly before starting date (you can get a job in July for September start).
3. There are some department/college funded positions with annual deadlines, mostly around now.
4. Fellowship deadlines tend to be approximately the same from year to year. Loosely spring for very early career, and late summer/autumn for fellowships that require some postdoctoral experience.
5. US postdoc deadlines will be in October/November, Offers will come in January/February.