

# Cold Climate Careers



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# Top tips for polar careers

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# Seek opportunities in unexpected places



## WORK

Quality of career

Location for working

Benefits to your employer

Hard work

## LIFE

Quality of life

Location for living

Benefits from employer

Fun!

# Seek opportunities in unexpected places



- Doors are rarely shut
- Gaining experience may take unexpected forms
- You never know who is in your network
  - Engage with everyone
  - Foster a give-and-take relationship
- How can experiences benefit you, even if they seem unrelated to your goals?

# If you don't ask, you don't get!



- Don't be put off by rejection - it happens to everyone
- Don't be put off by no replies - the system prevents people having enough time to treat applicants as human beings
- Even if you think the answer may be no, it's always worth asking/applying (just in case!)
- Opportunities present themselves through enquiry. Keen is cool!
- Present yourself as interested and get involved as much as you can manage

# Other tips



- We are all Einsteins - curiosity, creativity and passion are science
- We are supposed to be a multi-career generation, so don't hesitate to develop your skill set
- There is no 'right' path
- Learn from history to create a better future

# Feel free to get in touch!



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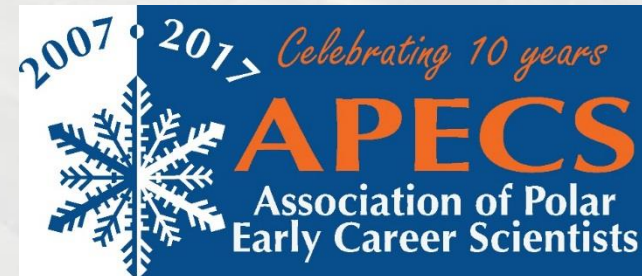
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