

Questions for the Job Market Panel

- Should I do a postdoc or apply directly for faculty positions? If yes, how to find a postdoc position? How did you find a postdoc?
- What to look for in a job? E.g., how did you decide whether to go to academia or industry? What are the pros and cons of each that you considered when deciding? Was teaching the main factor in your decision? Mentoring students for longer term or for a semester? Any other factors that guided your decision?
- Advice on writing the research statement/cover letter.
- How do I choose my recommenders to write me a letter.
- Advice on the job talk. Technical or for a more general audience. Also given what is required for the job talk, what should one keep in mind 2-3-4 years before actually applying for jobs?
- How were the visits in your experience? In your opinion, what mistakes should be avoided during the visit?
- What traits the hiring committee wants to see in an applicant (for those who have experience being on the other side).
- How did you deal with the stress while on the job market? How would you deal with it now in light of having gone through the experience?
- Any story you would like to share with the students?