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Advice on being a PI

Hello Professor XXXX,

I am a PhD student in Neuroscience at NYU in the lab of Helen Scharfman. Using simultaneous video-EEG and spectral analysis, I have found the presence of epileptic-like spikes in hippocampal-cortical regions specifically during REM sleep in a mouse model of AD (<http://www.nature.com/articles/srep20119>).

I’m reaching out to you today because I’ve thoroughly enjoyed reading your papers about XXXX (you really are instrumental to how I view XXXX). Although I am only a student, I have identified you as someone I’d like to one day model, when I start my own small lab in the distant future.

So, I’m here looking for your advice. I’m curious to know, what is the one thing you didn't do when you were my age that would've better prepared you as a PI? Or, what is the one skill you commonly see lacking in Postdocs that limit them in transitioning to PI status?

I kindly thank you for your time,

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