How I got to where I am

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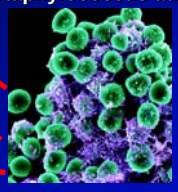
An expert is a person who has made all the mistakes which can be made in a very narrow field.
Niels Bohr

Define yourself

Regulation of biofilm formation in Staphylococcus aureus



Biofilm expert?
Molecular biologist?
Staph expert?
Bacteriologist?
Bacterial physiologist?
Transcriptional regulation?

Start out with small steps

- Simple projects that <u>will</u> yield results
- Keep your eye on the prize (manuscripts!!)

Writing Grants

- Put your eggs in several baskets
- Bounce ideas off colleagues
- Network in your field
- Read reviews over and over again

Equipping the Lab

- Look into the future
- Utilize good sales reps

Staffing the lab

- Again, baby steps
- Again, networking