From A to Z: Academic Positions across the Full Spectrum

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So, you want to be an academic…

A. Asking the right questions
B. Getting the right answers
C. Making an informed decision
Asking the Right Questions

- Of yourself
  - What do I want?
  - What are my strengths?
  - What are my weaknesses?

- Of your mentors
  - Their experiences
  - Their sense of your options
  - Their advice

- Of the job market
  - What jobs are out there and which ones fit?
Getting the Right Answers

- Honesty before honorifics
  - Be honest with yourself
  - Request honesty from your mentors

- Going to all the sources
  - One person does not have all the answers
  - Use wide-range of sources

- Understand all the choices…
The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Learning

- Doctorate-granting Institutions
  - RU/VH
  - RU/H
  - DRU
- Master’s Colleges and Universities
- Baccalaureate Colleges
- Associate’s Colleges
- Special Focus Institutions
- Tribal Colleges
Making an Informed Decision

- Weigh benefits and drawbacks
- Pick the best fit
- Have confidence in your choice and in yourself