

So, I guess I have a career now?

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Hi – I'm Maria.

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- Undergrad at Boston University, 2005-2009
 - Worked with Linda Doerrer
 - Inorganic synthesis
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Ok, let's talk jobs

1. You get to be picky about one thing:

- Location
- Job activities

2. Applying for jobs is a numbers game

- Corollary 1: apply to every job, regardless of what the description or requirements say
- Corollary 2: research indicates that women tend to opt out of applying for jobs because they don't think they are “qualified” as compared to men. **DON'T DO THIS!**

3. See No. 1.

Ok, let's talk about working in industry

RESEARCH POSSIBILITIES

CAN I MAKE THIS ON THE NECESSARY SCALE?

IS IT REASONABLY PRICED?

WILL SOMEONE BUY IT?

Ok, let's talk about women in science

- Silence (or quiet) the voice in your head telling you you're not good enough, etc
 - Imposter syndrome is real, but NEWSFLASH: everyone's got it
- Criticism of your science is not criticism of you as a scientist or human
 - Figure out how separate the two from one another
- Learn how to pitch yourself, your science, your strengths...
 - ...WITHOUT QUALIFIERS!
 - Obviously don't lie or make up things (duh)
 - Practice, practice, practice.
- Accept you're going screw up (see the first bullet point)

Thank you