

Tips from Women Chemists at Various Stages of Their Careers

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LATISHA PAW U
U.C. Berkeley Grad Student

1. Don't quit if you really want it
 2. Consider career paths early
 3. Throw tea parties--network
 4. Outreach--do it
 5. Rediscover the passion
 6. Oral exam discussion--explain self clearly and practice for presentations
 7. Think chemically
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YAYA ZHU
Chevron

5-10 years in industry.

1. Recognize your strengths and weaknesses
 2. Remember how to learn--apply problem solving
 3. Follow through, be brave and don't hesitate
 4. Rely on help from team members
 5. "Pick" a good boss
 6. Own your own work
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IYUN LAZIK
San Jose City College

Mixed experience
in industry and academe.

1. Do your passion; Iyun is
 2. Open up real world to students--her students volunteered at WRM
 3. Provide guidance and pass it on generously
 4. Remember ice cream in S. Carolina or something that is a reward
 5. Explore areas: combine academic and real life interest
 6. Creative use of limited resource
 7. Network for those resources/equipment
 8. Make sure of diversity of Students
 9. Open up opportunities, such as summer programs
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JANET SCHUNK
Siemens

30 years in industry.

1. Circuitous career path is still successful.
 2. You can do everything without an advanced degree
 3. Many different pathways give new doors to open
 4. Be realistic--recognize when it is time to change
 5. Be expressive: Technical writing is important; learn to write for different audiences
 6. Have pride in job and do meaningful work
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TRUDY LIONEL
Bayer

35 years in industry.

1. You can quit, have family, then come back
2. Stay active, even in down time; see where you can apply skills
3. Be a life learner
4. Volunteer
5. Seek a work/life balance for YOU
6. Gender not an issue in job hunt, but age may be
7. Have energy and be confident
8. Market self, as to how you will help company
9. Keep up on technology



MARINDA WU

Industry, small business,
non-profit (ACS)

1. Network--keep in touch
 2. Volunteer to give back to your profession and help make a difference
 3. Promote partnerships and collaborations
 4. Find and Follow your vision
 5. Persistence and Determination
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