

Science is a Human Endeavour

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1 Introduction

Scientific careers are hard. Initially you're required to demonstrate an in-depth knowledge and make significant contributions in your specialised area. If you do that well, you are inevitably asked to start taking leadership of teams and the associated responsibilities. Is this a challenge you should seek or accept? How can you best prepare yourself to be a leader in a scientific environment? I will share my experience of this journey and what I have learned along the way.