

Welcome to *Postdoc in the News*, our monthly news service covering emerging postdoc issues and career links for you.

## **Issues in Research**

White Knight. A male professor's eloquent plea to the academic system and fellow scholars for International Women's Day.

**Exploitative, expensive.** Scholars in the US are <u>suing research publishers for</u> <u>collusion and anticompetitive practices</u>.

**Calling out 'parasitism'.** French authors and publishers are the latest to challenge generative AI developers over <u>unauthorised use of copyright material</u>.

**Compliance model**. Meanwhile, the USbased Copyright Clearance Centre is proposing <u>an AI Training License to enable</u> <u>conformity with authors' legal rights</u>.

**Digital defence.** Anti-science activism now requires some researchers to <u>protect</u> themselves against online attacks.

**Meet openRxiv.** Preprint platforms bioRxiv and medRxiv are moving to the umbrella of a <u>new non-profit organisation</u>.

## **Skills & Strategies**

**Eureka explored.** Cross-disciplinary conversations examine the way research breakthroughs occur and <u>pointers towards</u> <u>creating 'aha' moments</u>.

**Time s-AI-ver.** Options for <u>using AI to</u> <u>refine your peer reviews</u> without compromising their quality or integrity.

**Needs must.** Options for <u>supplementing</u> your income as an early career academic.

Flourish vs survive. Five principles that underpin <u>a sustainable and satisfying</u> career in academia - or anywhere else. **Toughness myths.** There is a difference between persisting under sufferance and <u>healthy, intentional resilience</u>.

**Reframe, rebuild.** They are part of most careers, but <u>what do you do when major</u> <u>disruptions change your sense of 'self'</u>?

**It doesn't define you.** A story of <u>coping</u> <u>with job-loss</u>, with advice that applies to professional setbacks broadly.

**Use the lever.** The time to negotiate for essentials is <u>before you accept the job</u>.

## **Career Paths**

**Consider consulting.** How to decide whether to pursue the option of <u>contracting</u> to offer services like research, analysis or project management.

**Channelling wonder.** Four teachers describe their <u>paths from high-level</u> research to the school classroom.

**Hazard management.** A chemist who embraced scientific advising in <u>the world of testing</u>, inspection and certification.

**Spread of options.** Why and how PhDs might approach paths outside academia in technical writing, training, project management, marketing and publishing.

**Skill switch.** Tips on turning fundamental PhD-program skills into <u>a professional</u> <u>development career</u>.

Ways to thrive. Short talks by biologists on various <u>aspects of developing a career</u>, inside and beyond academia.

## **Serious Research**

Sweet success. A wry look at the role that high quality baking might play in research productivity and community-building...!