

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

Issues in Research

Science vs. slop. Thoughts on what to do about the damaging [AI-driven arm's race in publishing](#).

Qualms over quality. Preprints aren't embraced enthusiastically in every field and many researchers [doubt their career-advancement benefits](#).

A reviewer's plea. At risk of crumbling under pressure, [the peer review system desperately needs radical redesign](#).

Seminar capture. Talks are a key channel for sharing research and [deserve to be a bigger part of the searchable record](#).

Post-moral press. Grammarly is just one AI platform [scraping up scholars' work without consent](#) to fuel its paid services.

Probity pilot. UK charity *Sense about Science* has co-authored a handy [guide to integrity for early career researchers](#).

Skills & Strategies

Changing topics. Veterans' perspectives on why, when and how to [make the switch to a new area of research](#).

Lead by example. It is central to success but [research leadership doesn't depend on seniority or a title](#).

Healthy doubts. A business researcher examines the tension in academia around [demonstrating confidence while acknowledging uncertainty](#).

Slow-cook science. A story of surviving publication-rate concerns, profiling ['slow productivity'](#).

Transfer talk. A university-based licensing adviser explains the 'what and why' of the [first steps towards commercialisation](#).

Reaching the market. Commercialisation support teams can be the start point for a range of [market-oriented partnerships](#).

Research reporting. Why and how to develop trusted, productive [partnerships with journalists](#).

Chat 101. The business of building great networks starts with [having great conversations](#).

Career Paths

Bench to bedside. Milestones in the patient-focused career of the Director of a [government-funded research institute](#).

Teach and play. A neurobiologist who moved to directing outreach at a science/ industrial research centre – and [founding a science game company](#).

Forbidden fruit. Researchers in industry reflect on [the taboo around leaving academia](#). (*podcast interview*)

Job-prep keys. A Canadian postdoc survey offers clues to areas of focus in [preparing for work post-PhD](#).

The bigger picture. A 'peer career adviser' highlights [what PhDs often miss when preparing for the job market](#).

Tweaking the dial. Successful career change is often more about [reshaping and reinvigoration](#) than a big switch.

Serious Research

Laugh and learn. The data's thin on whether comedy makes for [better teaching](#) or more [effective research communication](#) - but it sure can't hurt!