

# LMS Early Career Professional Development Panel

The academic job search

## About this series

1. **(TODAY!)** The academic job search
2. **12pm Tuesday 30th November 2021** Starting your first postdoc
3. **February 2022** Writing and Publication
4. **March 2022** Building your research community

Follow the link on the webpage to sign up for the mailing list to get future Zoom links.

## Overall advice:

1. Talk to your supervisor/postdoc mentor
2. Don't rely only on them.
3. Specifics depend on the country you are aiming at - get local advice from more than one person.
4. Be organised, and ready to advertise yourself. Have a webpage!
5. Cooperate with others at the same stage - there are enough jobs!

# Application materials

1. CV
2. Research statement
3. Letters (3 is common, one from your supervisor, for some jobs a teaching letter)
4. Other material possible (e.g., publication list, diversity statement for some US jobs)

## Where to find job ads

1. Depends on the country!
2. In the UK: Look at [jobs.ac.uk](http://jobs.ac.uk) (not completely comprehensive).
3. In the US: [mathjobs.org](http://mathjobs.org) (apply there too for most US jobs).  
A named assistant professor (Szegő Assistant Professor, Doob Assistant Professor, Benjamin Pierce Assistant Professor etc) is a postdoc, and a fresh PhD will be hired.  
US postdocs teach.
4. Mailing lists for your area (e.g, COW/EAGER for algebraic geometry)
5. Other mailing lists (EWM).
6. Ask your supervisor, other colleagues, to forward ads to you.
7. Look at specific department webpages (and Cambridge Reporter/Oxford Gazette)

## Time frame

1. Ask letter writers at least a month before your first deadline. Give them a copy of your CV, and a draft of your research statement, plus a list of deadlines you know about.
2. UK postdocs are advertised throughout the year (usually