

Apprise Timeline of TDB

TDB, a UK national, completed a master's degree prior to beginning doctoral studies in 2009, and joined this during his third year of PhD work. TDB initially chose doctoral work in order to increase his knowledge and pursue intellectual interests. When TDB joined this project he had three peer-reviewed publications and held a master's degree. He was pursuing thesis by publication, and hoped to acquire a postdoc fellowship or research position following the PhD. TDB completed his PhD at the age of 25, and went on to work as a postdoctoral researcher with the same research group, continuing to apply for fellowship grants and work toward a permanent position in academia. What struck us about TDB's story was:

Importance of small group of friends and family (personal) High volume of publications, planning research projects based on what would most likely lead to publications that would advance career (work experience) Focused, consistent desire to work in academia (career thinking)

