Don’t be afraid to stand on the shoulders of giants. You never stop learning and growing. Ask for advice throughout the graduate and postdoctoral phases of your career. My mentors were very helpful in helping me become a well-rounded scientist.

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