

Questions to ask about a prospective advisor

Work Culture

- 1) What is the current funding situation?
- 2) How does the PI resolve personnel issues?
- 3) How accessible is the PI for experimental problem-solving?
- 4) What is the attitude toward testing new approaches/materials?
- 5) How quickly does the PI turn around manuscript reviews?
- 6) Is the PI a large picture person or a detailed person?
- 7) What is the freedom of contact with the PI outside of staff meetings?
- 8) What is the environment in a typical lab meeting?
- 9) How did previous postdocs relate with the PI?
- 10) When the PI is out of town, who is in charge?
- 11) How much project freedom have postdocs had in the lab?