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TOP 5 TAKEAWAYS

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DECIDING FACTORS FOR WHERE TO WORK (IN CANADA OR THE U.S.)

- Where jobs are available
- Loved one's needs
- Personal career trajectory/goals
- Health care & other supports
- Flexibility/accessibility of data & publishing

- Publications
- Work/volunteer in areas that help build academic networks
- Do what's important to you as an individual (what makes you a whole person?)
- Some teaching experience
- Experience in different research & academic settings

02

SKILLS/AREAS TO PREPARE FOR BOTH THE U.S. & CANADIAN JOB MARKETS

03

MAKE THE BEST USE OF ACADEMIC & SOCIAL NETWORKS

- Reach out to people with the type of job that interests you
- Discuss career plans with your supervisor
- Sit on hiring committees to learn processes

- Cast a wide net
- Ask multiple people to review & edit cover letters
- Practice the job talk multiple times with multiple people

04

ADVICE FOR A FINAL YEAR STUDENT

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ONE THING THE PANELISTS WISH THEY KNEW IN GRADUATE SCHOOL

- Nothing is forever.
- You don't have to be everywhere and doing everything.
- Do what's best for you and your loved ones.
- The institution cannot/will not love you. Find love and fulfillment outside of academia.
- Update your CV regularly.
- Have a backup plan.