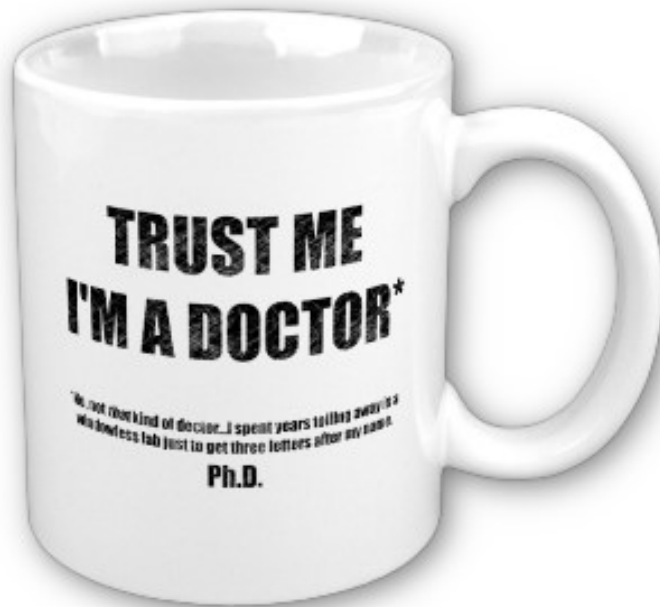


PhD:

May the force be with you!

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My story

Bachelor's in Electronics Engineering in India.

Got bored of it. Became interested in the brain.

Managed to get Master's in Neuroscience at Oxford.

Applied for a PhD. Rejected ... 21 times!

Almost gave up on doing a PhD...

Saw the ad for my current position at UCL 3hrs before deadline

Completed 5 years as RA, PhD student and now postdoc

12 papers, 200+ citations

Offered postdoc at ENS, Paris

My experience...

1) Your PhD is in your hands: Be in control. Make the most of it.

Drive your research

Be pro-active

Resourceful: get all the help you need

Passion in your work

Patience when things don't go your way (all the time)

Talk about your research: conference, online media etc.

Network: make connections, friends, identify reviewers etc.

2) Shy bairns get nowt.

Don't be afraid to ask:

- Questions at seminars (you'll get noticed)

- Supervisor for his/her time, permission for conference etc

- Colleagues for assistance

- Funding bodies for travel grants

3) *Be tenacious.*

Be aware of the reality:

- fewer jobs than PhD candidates
- bleak funding situation

Manage your career:

- look out for post-PhD opportunities
- contact your next supervisor, give a seminar
- don't ignore non-academic jobs
- PhD is a launch pad for several new avenues

4) Take a break!

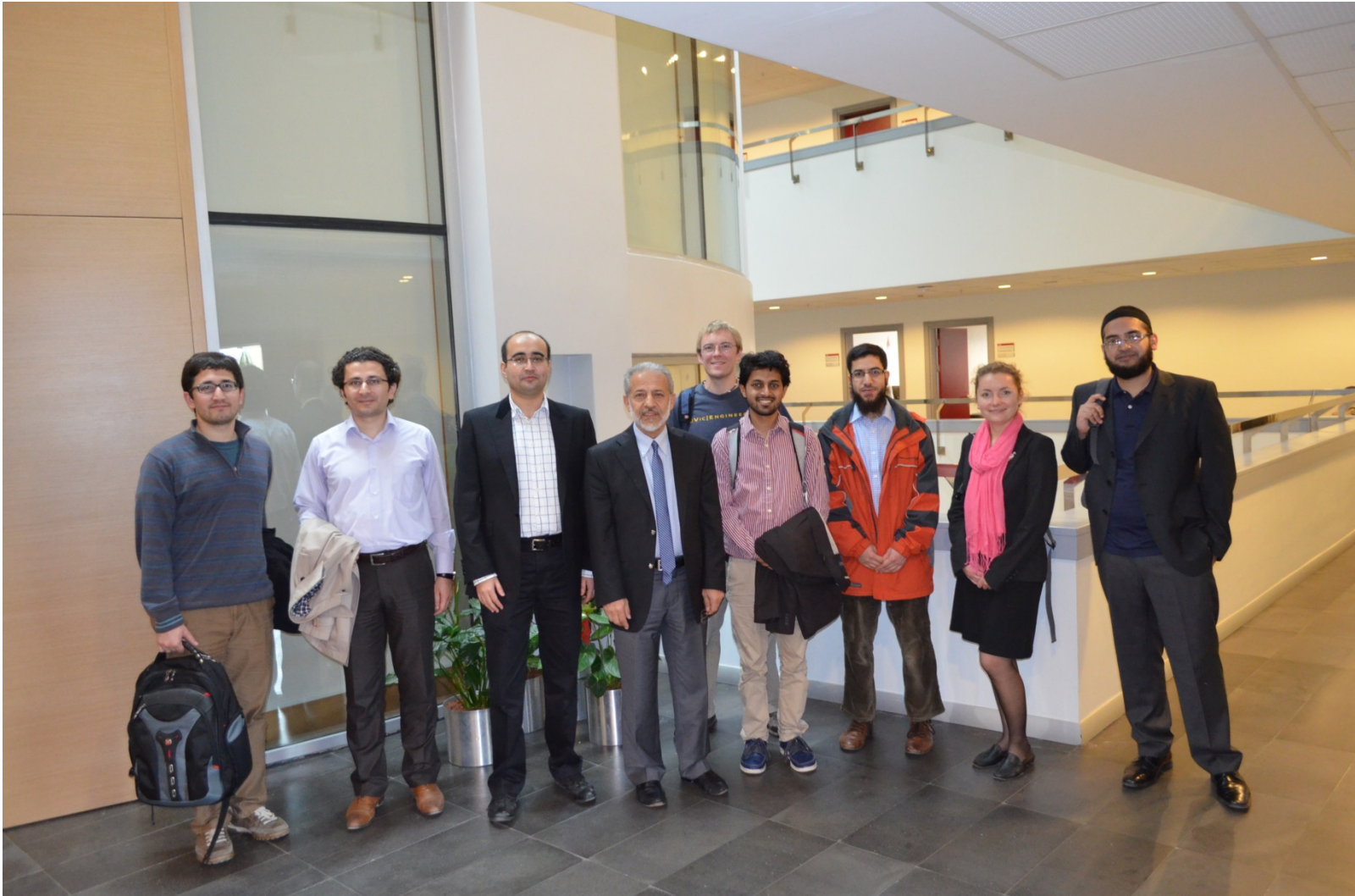
Maintain alternative interests/hobbies:
sports, arts, cinema, music etc.

Healthy social life:
enjoy your weekends, take holidays, recharge your brain

Good luck!

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i) University Deans:



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ii) Head of Departments:



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iii) University labs and Techno Parks:



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iv) Students about postgrad in UK:



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v) Sightseeing, eating, shopping etc:



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