# Successful applications

#### Set the scene

- Very competitive
- Few permanent posts/lectureship
- Little opportunity to progress

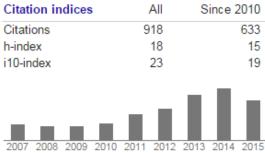




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## Cover letter/CV

- Essential/Desirable skills → Cover letter
- What do you bring to this job
- Know what makes you different
- High light achievements in your CV
- Have an overview (table) at start, depending on ich Research or lecturing
  - Overview of publications
  - Total funding
  - Main areas of lecturing
  - Other?



#### Interview

- If you get an interview, see this as an accomplishment! Learn!
- Presentation
- Show initiative:
  - By <u>publishing</u>
  - Background job
  - Prepare question you can ask
- Questions often structured
  - Administration
  - Lecturing
  - Research
- Anticipated challenges in proposed job/how to manage/your skills

- I. Types of Positions and Their Requirements
  - a. Research Position (e.g. Research Assistant, Postdoctoral Researcher)
    - i. Projects you have completed
    - ii. Quantitative and qualitative methods and data analysis
    - iii. Evidence of managing a project
    - iv. Evidence of conference presentations and journal submissions
  - b. Lecturer Position
    - i. Research experience methods, project management, track record
    - ii. Publications conferences, journals, professional presentations, review process
    - iii. Teaching classes taught vs. TA'd, evidence of developing and delivering a course
    - iv. Your contribution to that department how do you fit in and what can you bring that's different (e.g. what new courses to teach, what research you bring, with whom would you collaborate)
  - c. Industry Position
    - i. Project management experience
    - ii. Working effectively with teams how did you manage a difficult situation
    - iii. Leadership experience any time you led, developed, implemented something
    - iv. Facilitation experience teaching 3<sup>rd</sup>-level and/or industry, facilitating seminars/workshops/conferences

### Tips

- Ask HR who is on your panel
- Contact PI re job
- Ask for feedback (good or bad), get report from HR
- Don't take it personal!