From the lab bench to a career in science policy

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Nearly 20 Percent Of Scientists Contemplate Moving Overseas Due In Part To Sequestration

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Scientists laid off due to budget cuts
By Jennifer Liberto @CNNMoney September 3, 2013: 6:07 AM ET
Reports on the biomedical research workforce
Toward a sustainable biomedical research enterprise: Finding consensus and implementing recommendations

Christopher L. Pickett, Benjamin W. Corb, C. Robert Matthews, Wesley I. Sundquist, and Jeremy M. Berg
Five training and workforce recommendations

• Increase postdoc compensation

• Reduce graduate and postdoc training periods

• Broaden training

• Support more trainees on training grants and fellowships

• Employ more staff scientists
Rescuing US biomedical research from its systemic flaws

Bruce Alberts\textsuperscript{a}, Marc W. Kirschner\textsuperscript{b}, Shirley Tilghman\textsuperscript{c,1}, and Harold Varmus\textsuperscript{d}
Hypercompetition
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To catalyze changes that promote effective science policies and culture in the biomedical research enterprise.
Tips for applying for fellowships

• Postdoc not required

• Know the difference between policy and outreach

• No science

• Be agile

• Don’t waste your words
Thank you!

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