Scientific Writing in Astro Lecture #5

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 - Networking. Socializing. Being irreplaceable.
 Finding your own niche. Being useful for the community. Being a nice person to be around. Etc.

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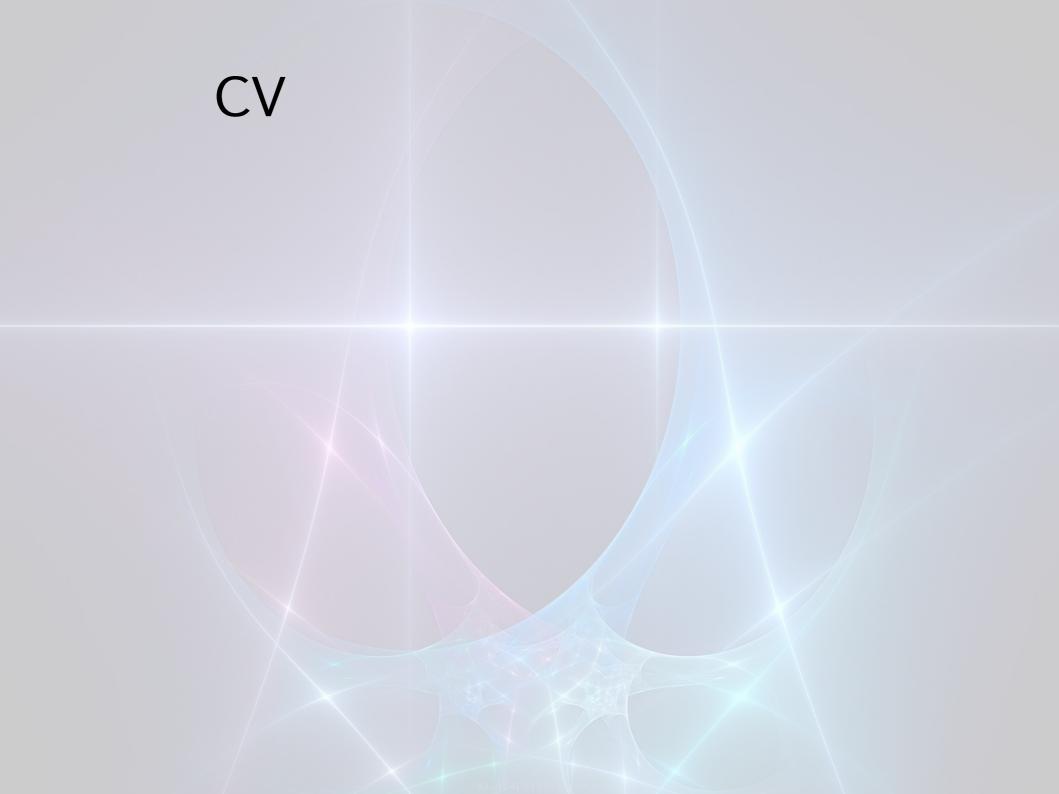
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PhD positions: no

Regular post-doc: depends

Fellowship: impossible without



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- avoid common font types
 Times New Roman Arial Verdana Courier New
 Computer Modern and all other latex base fonts
 Comic Sans and friends...
- no walls of text!
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1 or 2 full pages, no more!

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your name on all pages



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Some people may be good in grasping theoretical details more quickly, but may not be as good in explaining them to students as those who themselves needed more time to understand them in the first place. Or, some people may be very good at working alone or with a supervisor, but not able to work in a team - and especially not able to manage a team, becoming a leader, a good PI... which you might have the talent to be. Some projects are only possible in groups, after all – so we do need good managers. Indeed, some people may be great in deriving stuff or carrying out complex tasks, but do they possess the broader view, a scientific "vision" that is needed for a successful career nowadays? I could list yet a dozen things that you may or may not have. Writing up things quickly and clearly, being able to think in systems, being good in statistical methods and big data, giving great presentations, producing brilliantly under time pressure, organizing the most efficient meetings, having a special talent for visualizing data, being able to "translate" between the jargon of different research fields etc. etc. It really comes down to finding what strengths and weaknesses you have, and building on the strengths while gradually eliminating (or at least carefully avoiding mentioning) the weaknesses. Source: 11 Tips on How to Apply for a Fellowship

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Homework

• write a Motivation letter for your (ideal) next academic position!