How to Get a Job

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Audience

• Graduating PhDs, Postdocs
• Students not graduating but thinking about jobs
Our Focus

• Academia
  • Research
  • Teaching
• Industrial Research Labs
• Focus on getting the job (less focus on pros/cons of the above)
Providing a Forum

- Learn practical tips
- Meet other applicants
- Get informed
Phases of Job Hunting

- Pre-application
- Application ← today's focus
- Interview
Hot Topics Session

- For each area in computer science...
  - What's hot?
  - What institutions are well-known?
  - What is UCSD known for?
Hot Topics planning

• When: January, but still TBD
• Speakers: need volunteers

• Theory
• AI/ML
• Crypto
• Graphics
• Vision
• Bio
• Databases
• Embedded
• HPC
• PL
• Security
• Crypto
• OS
• Networking
• Distributed Systems
• Software Engineering/HCI
• VLSI
Faculty Panel

• Geoff Voelker
• Sorin Lerner
Introductions

- Name
- Years from graduating
- Career plan
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Pre-Application Phase

- Doing research
- Publishing
- Networking (the human kind)
- Web site
- CV
Application Phase

- Web site
- CV
- Choose where to apply (answer: apply broadly!)
- Research statement
- Teaching statement
  - Extremely important for teaching-focused universities
- Recommendations
- Cover letter (esp. important for teaching-focused universities)
Where to find jobs...

- CRA.org (mailing list)
- Departmental Web sites
Logistics

• Snacks okay? UCSD catering?