

# Top 10 Tips on How to Become a Successful Principal Investigator

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Principal Investigators (PIs) play an important role in scientific research. They are primarily responsible for managing a team of young researchers/experienced technicians. PIs take care of laboratory funding and impart training to researchers. They also ensure compliance with funding agency guidelines and publish their research in peer-reviewed journals. Do you want to become a PI yourself? Then you should definitely go through these resourceful tips today!

## 10 TIPS ON HOW TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR



- 1 Set goals and devise an action plan to achieve them without being overambitious.
- 2 Set targets by keeping costs and benefits in mind.
- 3 Develop a strong support network of experts and advisors.
- 4 Consider failures as assets and learn from them.
- 5 Develop strong oral and written communication skills for effective communication.
- 6 Listen carefully and try to understand others' unique perspectives.
- 7 Solve problems by applying logic and reasoning; explore alternative solutions.
- 8 Manage time efficiently and avoid unnecessary delays.
- 9 Be approachable, extend help, and build a good rapport with your team members and peers.
- 10 Be a good team leader; delegate work to the appropriate team members.

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