

### Special Schmidt Lab Meeting

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The entire Schmidt lab

Which is the favorite job duty of post-docs working in Schmidt lab?

- a) Touring grade school children through the lab
- b) Collecting data for Ellery's science fair project
- c) Fetching Diet Dr Pepper out of the fridge
- d) Polishing Professor Schmidt's Distinguished Engineering Graduate Award.

If you want to talk to Christine about your work

- a) Good luck finding a spot on her schedule!
- b) Volunteer a great new idea for visiting grade school kids; you'll get to meet with her sooner!
- c) Bribe Michelle to get yourself on the calendar
- d) Obviously you should have thought about that 3 weeks ago!

You just got great paper/data to present in a national meeting. You should do the following:

- a) Apply for a travel award right way
- b) Start practicing fasting as it will come handy during your travels
- Start looking for bus routes and subway maps.
   They are the only acceptable mode of transport
- d) Consider buying two Clif bars for everyday that you are away. They work for both lunch and dinner
- e) Do all of the above and you will be a perfect graduate student/post doc in the Schmidt lab

Which point of proofing manuscripts is Christine the most zealous about?

- a) Capitalize all titles. Be consistent.
- b) Don't use "amounts". Be specific.
- c) Never, ever, under any circumstances write "due to".
- d) Different font size (Christine has eyes like an eagle).

### Christine maintains positive lab morale due to...

- a) keeping a well-stocked candy jar in the postdoc office
- b) decorating the office with rats, rats everywhere
- c) never gratuitously nitpicking at grammar mistakes
- d) picking up the tab for lab lunches and dinners

## Christine won the Distinguished Engineering Graduate Award due to...

- a) hard work and industry
- b) only one lab explosion so far
- c) light competition this year
- d) maintaining an impressively organized computer desktop

### Christine is in lab because she:

- a) Is giving a visiting prof a lab tour
- b) Is getting a picture taken for the news
- c) Is stealing lab equipment for outreach program
- d) Thinks surprised looks are funny

# Christine's most important criterion for graduation:

- a) At least five website posts
- b) At least four grants written
- c) At least three fellowships won
- d) At least one baby born

Despite seeing commercials for dr. pepper 10 being only for men, Christine will inevitably drink the soda because she:

- a) Can't get enough of the 23 flavors
- b) Thought their claims were unsubstantiated
- c) Is conducting a secret experiment
- d) Doesn't believe in typical gender roles

Prof. Schmidt's long term career goal is...

- a) win the Distinguished Engineering Graduate award. Goal Achieved!
- b) conduct lab tours for every grade school in Austin (and put the photos in NSF updates)
- c) build the ultimate Rube Goldberg machine using HA, polypyrrole, and decell nerve
- d) perfect lab safety record
- e) to have the most "green" lab in the world by recycling ALL plastic ware.

### The purpose of group meetings is:

- a) Meaningful scientific discussions and constructive criticism for students and postdocs
- b) To assure that the students and postdocs use nice fonts and a black background
- c) To make sure the students and postdocs arrive before lunch time
- d) I don't remember, the last few meetings we only talked about Lilly
- e) I thought someone was supposed to bring food

#### Grant applications are:

- a) One of the most important skills for students and postdocs to learn prior to their future careers
- b) The only way to subsidize otherwise unfundable and totally unrelated projects
- c) Something that interferes with my travel schedule
- d) Submitted within the last 60 seconds before the deadline
- e) The best way to spend quality time with CES

### All Schmidt group papers should be reviewed by:

- a) Erin Lavik
- b) Ravi Bellamkonda
- c) Kristi Anseth
- d) Rebecca Richards Kortum
- e) Molly Shoichet
- f) Glenn Prestwich

### In her career Prof Schmidt most regrets

- a) not appointing herself Department Chair when chairing the search committee
- b) taking too many BME students and not enough CHE students
- c) paying the students and post-docs too much money
- d) firing the whole lab after an ill-conceived roast

