CAREER ADVICE FOR ASPIRING HEALTH RESEARCHERS
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So you’re interested in a career in science.

You’ve done well in high school academics. During your program, you may have completed interest inventories, skills assessments; identified your learning style; poured over career profiles; examined educational programs; explored your options. You may even have had an internship, summer job or volunteer position that confirmed your interest in science.

Or perhaps you’ve always “just known” that you want to be a scientist.

But how do you make it happen? How do you make sense of all that you’ve read and heard and learned? What path should you take? How do you choose what is best for YOU?

Advice and Support are Available

I am here to help. As a career and communication specialist, I have many years of experience advising and coaching students on all aspects of career management. I even co-wrote a book on the topic, for aspiring scientists (check out my biography <http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/about/staff/peggy_pritchard/> for details).

As SONIC Coach, I offer practical advice and support as you take the next steps towards fulfilling your dreams of a career in science. Through monthly articles, I will address a variety topics on career planning, education choices, job search, making transitions, and so on, that will help you to choose wisely and feel more confident about your choices.

Articles on Emerging Careers in Health Research

And every other month, I will feature an emerging career in health research, to give you a taste of the exciting life that could be ahead of you. Science and technology are advancing so quickly that, by the time you graduate from university, there will be new specializations opening up—even new fields—that don’t exist now. It’s a great adventure!

To Answer Your Questions

But what good is career advice if it doesn’t answer YOUR specific questions?
That is why I want to hear from YOU. Simply click on the “Ask the SONIC Coach” link and complete the form [website and link no longer available].

Whether you’re a student, teacher, guidance counsellor, or parent, ask me your questions. They can be about something I’ve discussed in my columns, or about something I haven’t addressed yet. Suggest a topic for an upcoming article or career profile, if you wish. Ask a question and begin the conversation about your career.

This site is for YOU…to help you to turn your hopes and dreams for your future into…REALITY.

**Our topic next month will be on:** Choosing your university program.

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