



CAREER FOCUS: POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Pedro is a postdoctoral fellow, or a “postdoc,” at the Green Bank Observatory. He comes up with possible explanations for the observations the telescopes make.

When have you researched something you did not understand?



What does a postdoc do?

Pedro’s job is to measure the gases in distant galaxies to learn more about their structure. He also studies the telescopes themselves, in order to improve them.

What makes a good postdoc?

The best postdoctoral fellows have patience, dedication, and critical thinking skills, and they are good at problem solving and working in teams. To become a post-doctoral fellow, you need a doctorate, or a PhD, which involves a lot of research work.

How do I become a postdoc?

Try out different research areas until you find a subject you are passionate about! It is also important to develop relationships with people who care about you, and have the right connections to help you grow.

