

PhD
Edinburgh

- During PhD: 2018 summer school at Flatiron – established **connection** with reference writer there, **who pushed for me internally** (in his interests to hire a postdoc).
- Made ~a dozen applications in late 2018, mainly to fellowships in UK, Europe and USA.

2019

Fellowship
CfA, Harvard

- **Negotiated** to combine two 3-year fellowship offers into a 2+2 position (more common in USA). This gave more long-term stability (later, helpful with pandemic).

2021

Fellowship
CCA, Flatiron (NYC)

2023

JWST grant-funded,
Columbia

- Stayed on in NYC (almost 3 years in total, using **grant funding** and Flatiron-Columbia connections).

2024

Leverhulme ECF,
Edinburgh

- Fairly flexible – applied for Sept 2023 round, prior to starting at Columbia, then opted for the last possible start date (May 2024).

2025

DKO (transferred
Leverhulme),
Manchester

- Applied while at Columbia (spring 2024), then delayed start to conform with Leverhulme transfer rules (1 yr at initial institute).
- In general, I have found **applying early** worked (less stress, have next position set up).

This year: applied for RSURF. Most important: **ask previous successful applicants for proposal; ask people to help with practice interviews.**