Career Profile of Assistant Professor, Angelique Whitehurst

What is your current title and how long have you worked in your current job?
Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacology, 2 years.

Where did you get your PhD and what discipline was it in?
UT-Southwestern Medical Center. Cell and Molecular Biology

Did you do a postdoc? Where?
Yes, UT-Southwestern.

What are your main daily responsibilities?
Teaching (formal and informal), managing projects, writing grants, creating new knowledge

What are the keys to success in your career field?
Tenacity, time management and organizational skills, vision, patience, ability to nurture

What were the most important factors in choosing your career path?
Flexibility, ability to be your own boss, to be a leader

What 1 or 2 pieces of advice do you have for people who want to land a job like yours?
Surround yourself with a great support group of peers and mentors who can help you navigate the grant writing, teaching and lab management that are really important to be successful.

Links for more information

Interview with Dr Whitehurst on CarolinaBioscience

Making the Leap to Independent PI (there are lots of useful links within this article)
http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_development/previous_issues/articles/2007_03_02/caredit_a0700029