TIBBS Career Blitz Career Profile Questionnaire

**Career Profile:** Dana Hancock, PhD

**What is your current title and how long have you worked in your current job?**
Genetic Epidemiologist
Behavioral Health Epidemiology Program
RTI International (Research Triangle Institute)

I've worked in my current job for >3 years.

**Where did you get your PhD and what discipline was it in?**
PhD in Genetics and Genomics (2008) from Duke University

**Did you do a postdoc?**
Yes, 2 ½ years in the Epidemiology Branch at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

**What are your main daily responsibilities?**
Acquiring NIH funds for research, leading research projects (e.g., designing studies, overseeing the statistical analyses, interpreting results, along with overseeing the budget and timeline), writing and publishing scientific papers

**What are the keys to success in your career field?**
Integrity, innovation, diligence, hard work

**What were the most important factors in choosing your career path?**
Maintaining a work/life balance while making important scientific contributions

**What activities (if any) did you participate in that helped you be successful in obtaining your job?**
Accomplishments made during my postdoc training were instrumental, both in the experience gained and the papers published

**What 1 or 2 pieces of advice do you have for people who want to land a job like yours?**
Establishing a solid publication track record
Having good ideas that could be turned into grant proposals