

## TIBBS Career Blitz Career Profile Questionnaire

1. Please provide your name and employer:  
My name is Rowan Beck. I work at Seven Bridges
2. What is your current title and how long have you worked in your current job?  
Community Engagement Manager. I've worked at the company for ~7 months.
3. Where did you get your PhD and what discipline was it in?  
Genetics & Molecular Biology (GMB) at UNC Chapel Hill (defended in 2019)
4. Did you do a postdoc?  
Nope!
5. What are your main daily responsibilities?  
Assist users of our platform with various troubleshooting; Create workflows out of existing bioinformatic pipelines; Teaching and leading workshops or webinars; Doing live demos of various bioinformatic-heavy analyses (GWAS, proteomics, RNA-seq, etc); Demonstrate that value of the platform to the National Cancer Institute (via small grant-like documents, metrics)
6. What are the keys to success in your career field?  
Being proactive about getting things done. Recognizing the value you can provide (you know more than you think). Being friendly and being able to read people.
7. What were the most important factors in choosing your career path and current employer?  
Flexibility in day to day responsibilities, good work-life balance, compensation, and being able to use my skills (bioinformatics, presenting lessons)
8. What activities (if any) did you participate in that helped you be successful in obtaining your job?  
Worked as an editor for the PipettePen at UNC. Presented my research at many different conferences, seminars, and other opportunities.
9. What 1 or 2 pieces of advice do you have for people who want to land a job like yours?  
Learn how to sell yourself no matter what the job is. Be open to opportunities.
10. How is the work/life balance in your career field and how much of a factor was that in your career choice?

It was a big factor for me because I really value my personal time. The balance in my current job is excellent. I am able to take days off easily, or disappear for an hour or two in the afternoons (I make up the time later).