

The only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work, and the only way to do great work is to love what you do.

— **Steve Jobs**

What you can accomplish is only constrained by your imagination as well as your will power, diligence, and intelligence in executing your vision.

— **WiCI**

How to Succeed in Research?¹

- ◆ **Set your standard as high as you can live with, and work as closely as possible at the boundary of your abilities**
- ◆ **Begin with the End in Mind**
 - **Have bold, specific, and actionable plans for yearly, quarterly, monthly, weekly, and daily milestones**
- ◆ **Be forceful, and dare to accomplish your plan/vision**
 - **Put first things first**
 - **Avoid distractions, and defer→delegate→drop “urgent, unimportant” things; learn when/how to say “no”**
- ◆ **Be proactive and courageous, and dare to take the lead**
 - **Embrace “problems/challenges”, and focus on “solving” problems/challenges**
- ◆ **Be a good colleague and team player; collaborate with fellow team members in the same spirit as Navy SEALs — “Individuals play the game, but teams beat the odds”**
 - **Seek first to understand, then be understood**
 - **Think win-win**
 - **Synergize**
- ◆ **Sharpen your saw**
 - **Renew all four dimensions of your nature - physical, spiritual, intellectual, and social/emotional**

¹ For details, refer to <https://www.ece.iastate.edu/~hongwei/group/misc/teaming.html#advice>.