

TIBBS Career Blitz - January 2012

Career Profile of Research I Teaching Faculty: Christopher Roy, PhD

What is your current title and how long have you worked in your current job?

I am the associate director of undergraduate studies in chemistry at Duke, I have been at Duke for 12 years, in my current position for 6

Where did you get your PhD and what discipline was it in?

I did my PhD at Virginia Tech, it was in organometallic chemistry

Did you do a postdoc?

I did a teaching postdoc at Ohio University

What are your main daily responsibilities?

My main daily responsibilities are lecturing, and making sure that the day to day operations of the undergraduate program are running smoothly, advising students

What are the keys to success in your career field?

I think that being able to put out fires, realizing that your day is never going to be "planned" and being able to deal with the unexpected!

What were the most important factors in choosing your career path?

Really, it's a matter of enjoying what you do, I really am excited about undergraduate education (especially in the sciences) and I love what I do.

What 1 or 2 pieces of advice do you have for people who want to land a job like yours?

I would say that you should keep your mind open, my job sort of evolved out of a different position. I saw an opportunity and I took it.