

Contents

List of tables

viii

List of boxes

ix

1 Making academic superheroes

1

PART I SETTING OUT AS AN ACADEMIC SUPERHERO

2 Get qualified

11

3 Find a good adviser

16

4 Get mentors; get advice

21

5 Prepare a good CV

25

PART II REFINING YOUR ACADEMIC SUPERHERO CREDENTIALS

6 Focus your powers

33

7 Make an early impact

36

8 Get informed and stay current

38

9 Get known and networked

43

10 Learn about local cultures and use 'the system'

55

PART III APPLYING YOUR ACADEMIC SUPERPOWERS WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED

11 Cultivate high-quality referee reports

59

12 Find the right job

61

13 Write a compelling job application

68

14 Perform well at job interviews

74

15	Manage job interview failure and success	83
----	--	----

PART IV PERFORMING AS AN ACADEMIC SUPERHERO

16	Manage your career	93
17	Manage your time	101
18	Publish papers	112
19	Publish a book (or two)	125
20	Speak	135
21	Secure funding	139
22	Attract postgraduate students	144
23	Join or start a research team	148
24	Teach well	152
25	Think about university service and leadership positions	163
26	Find a voluntary role	168
27	Consider consulting	173
28	Get recognized	177

PART V PRESERVING YOUR ACADEMIC SUPERPOWERS

29	Review your performance	181
30	Take sabbatical	185
31	Get refreshed	191
32	Sustain collegiality	196
33	Preserve your public reputation	199
34	Stay happy and healthy	203
35	Manage disruptions, interruptions and transitions successfully	208

36	Conclusion: acknowledging dual strands of success for your academic career	222
----	--	-----

	References	224
--	------------	-----

	Index	245
--	-------	-----