



# 1) My advice to my younger self four years ago

Talk about it.

Don't be that harsh with yourself.

Choose life.



## 2) My advice to all PhDs

Improve yourself.



Socialize.

## **Interact:**

Ask.

Discuss.

Present.

Collaborate.

Criticize.

Be criticized.



### 3) Advice from recent D-INFK graduates

” Develop and follow your own unique roadmap.”

”The best support comes from your colleagues.”

"Attend out-of-your-field talks. Don't be incremental. Mentor students."

"Be patient. For most problems you will eventually find a solution, most often it is a question of time. As a rule of thumb, a mediocre solution to a good problem is worth more than a good solution to an unpopular problem. What this adds up to is to know your field well before you decide what to work on."



”Be open to new ideas and try them out.”

” Actively search for problems you want to work on,  
do not wait until problems are given to you.”

”Find a way to integrate the PhD into your life — not vise-versa — it is life that you ultimately want to succeed in.”

”Enjoy your teaching duties. Interacting with students can allow you to see your subject from many new points of view. ETH also offers great courses on how to teach.”

”Manage your time well. (Be aware when you should work and when you should enjoy free time.)”

"Do not wait for your advisor to tell you what to do; they will not."

"Stay curious."

” Only work on things you are interested in, discuss as much as possible with colleagues and don't be afraid of failure.”