

Making Research Personal

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LEARNING CHECK-IN: Dr. György Buzsáki's Interview

Objectives

- ✓ *To learn about the life of a prominent psychological researcher*
- ✓ *To expand awareness of what psychology research looks like*



APA Goals for the Undergraduate Psychology Major (2.0)

- GOAL 1: Knowledge Base in Psychology
 - 1.3 Describe applications of psychology
- GOAL 4: Communication
 - 4.1 Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes
- GOAL 5: Professional Development
 - 5.5 Develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation

Instructions

View the [interview](#) with Dr. György Buzsáki and answer the following questions:

1. Dr. Buzsáki described how his background, his personality and own experiences influence his research. How might your background have an impact on your own career trajectory and/or research focus?
2. What does Dr. Buzsáki mean when he says it is important to have solutions rather than manifestos if considering publication? How does the analogy of Chethov's gun principle apply here?
3. What recommendations does Dr. Buzsáki suggest with regard to incorporating perseverance, creativity and luck in one's work?
4. According to Dr. Buzsáki, what are the responsibilities that researchers and scientists have to the society at large?
5. What did Dr. Buzsáki discuss regarding his experiences and opinions that resonated with you? Were there areas that surprised you? Explain your answers.
6. Considering Dr. Buzsáki's view of his career, do you believe life as an academic researcher may be a good fit for you? Why or why not?