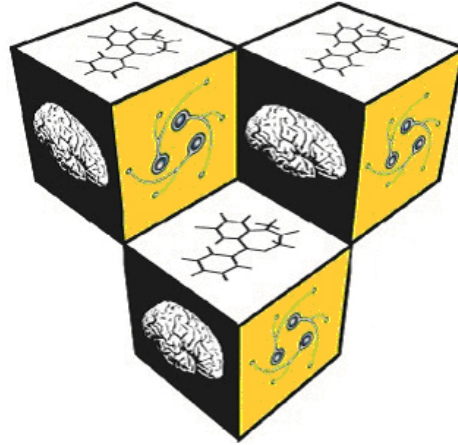


The University of Iowa
Neuroscience Graduate Program



The Ins and Outs of Graduate School

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About You

Name?

Year?

Major?

Interest?



My college experience

St. Olaf College
Northfield, MN

Psychology
(Neuroscience)

2 years of
independent research



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- Neuroscience PhD/Teaching Certificate in College Teaching
- Rotations
- Young Advisor/New Lab/Small lab

My Process



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Career Goals

- Research
- Education**
- Science writing
- Pharmaceuticals
- Science policy

Different Directions

- Research/Clinical

- PhD**

- Masters

 - School

 - Counseling

 - Neuropsychology

 - Clinical

My Valuable Experiences

- **Research** (practica/volunteer)
- Giving presentations
- Statistics/Research Methods
- Preceptorship

Reflections

- Take more statistics
- More courses in general – biology, chemistry, physics
- Work on programming
- Publish (undergraduate journals)
- Take time off (?)
- Funding - \$\$\$

Advice

- Take time – more experience, find specialization
 - Don't feel rushed to continue
- Truly prepare for exams
- TA/Teach
- What do you want? Know yourself
- Choose advisor well

Getting There: The Nuts and Bolts

- Research (practica/internship) experience
- GRE > 80%
- Good Grades > 3.6
- Letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose*
- Interview

College to Grad School: The Leap

- A place to study; a place to **live**
- Self-motivation
- Different level of teaching
- Coursework becomes secondary
- Planning
- Pressures
- Environment

Links

- [Mitch's Uncensored Guide](#)
- [Helping students get into graduate school](#)