

I think I want to go to graduate school, but I don't know...



Which degree to pursue...

Masters	PhD
Fewer applications	More applications
Usually pay out of pocket (you pay tuition)	Usually funded (tuition reimbursement and stipend)
Less research	Heavily research based
1-3 years	4-6 years



How to be a competitive applicant...

- Research!
- Publication(s)!
- Independent projects
- Related internships



The timeline of preparing and applying

- **Years 1 and 2:** achieve high grades in Psychology courses, get involved in research if possible, figure out your specific interests
- **Year 3:** be sure to get involved in research and consider an independent project, make connections with faculty, begin looking at schools and contacting potential advisors, *apply to MUGSS!*
- **Fall of year 4:** communicate with potential advisors, take the GRE (if not earlier), apply apply apply!



How to find what program is right for me...

- I/O Programs: SIOP.org
- Clinical/Counseling Programs: *Insider's Guide to Graduate Programs in Clinical and Counseling Psychology* (\$)
- [Go to APA's website](http://APA.org)
- [APA's Psychology Program Finder](http://APA.org) (\$)
- Look for recent research articles you are interested in and find the programs associated with the authors.
- Start with where you want or need to live and find schools in that area

Note: \$ indicates the resource has a price tag