

A Graduate Student Perspective

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A little bit about me...

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Why should you think about grad studies now?

- To stay in the field of biology, you will likely need to have a Masters or PhD
- Start thinking about getting involved in lab/field work
- Try out the different biology fields!

What are grad studies?

- Masters or PhD
- Research
- Stipend or Fellowships
- Teaching assistantships (Tas)

Opportunities to get involved

- Volunteer
- Work study, needs-based
- Field semesters
- Independent projects
- Summer projects funded by government agencies
- Honours in biology

What should you be thinking about and when?

- Right now: Do you like biology? What kind of biology?
- U₂-U₃: try out lab work!
- Summer funding by government agencies: look for announcements in February of U₂/U₃ courses (eg NSERC SURA)
- U₃/last year: can apply for graduate funding (NSERC, CIHR, FRQS, FQRNT, etc) in October before you apply for grad school