Beyond Undergrad

Graduate school is a great opportunity for some students, but before you commit, work through these questions to determine if graduate school is the right next step for you.

Is Grad School Right for You?

Do you have a career/life goal?

- NO - See a career coach
- YES - Write down your values:

- WHAT ARE TRUE VALUES?
- See a career coach

Does your goal fulfill your values?

- NO - See a career coach
- YES - Write down those skills:

- WHAT ARE STRENGTHS?
- See a career coach

Do you know what skills your goal requires?

- NO - Will a grad program train you in those skills?
- YES - Then why are you going to grad school?
- I DON'T KNOW - See a career coach

Do you already have those skills?

- NO - See a career coach
- YES - Write down how:

Can you leverage your strengths to achieve this goal?

- NO - See a career coach
- YES - Write down exactly how:

Do you have a plan to expand your network on your own?

- NO - See a career coach
- YES - Write down how:

Do you know people in the field? Do you have a network?

- NO - See a career coach
- YES - Can they help you get started in the field without you getting another degree?

Can you leverage your strengths to achieve this goal?

- NO - See a career coach
- YES - List which strengths and how you think they’ll help:

Does your goal require skills you don’t have?

- NO - See a career coach
- YES - Will the program expand your network?

- NO - Have you talked to them about how careers in the field work?
- NO - See a career coach
- YES - Do you need a graduate program then?
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- YES - List which specific programs they recommend & what skills the field needs:

Grad school might be unrewarding

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