

How do I begin research on which grad school is best for me?

We asked the experts!

You need to know your research interests, at least broadly. Then, you can start searching for academic work on this topic, and see who is doing the work that excites you. Start looking at where those people are, or searching faculty pages at different schools to see whose work is a good fit. In large part, the "best" grad program for you will be the one with the best mentor match.

Find researchers who are doing work you're interested in, then look into the program(s) available in the departments they're in. It's not about the school as much as it is about finding a PI who is doing the work you want to be doing.

Identify a faculty member who conducts research that is similar to your own research interests.

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Find programs that have philosophies and collaborative working styles that are similar to how you best work

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I always tell my students to start with what do you want to be doing 10 years from now. It's really good to have these conversations with your mentors, or other faculty in relevant departments, to start discussing which paths will help you get there.

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Talk with faculty and graduate students in your department! Make a list of what is most important for you in terms of training for each to the following: research, applied work, clinical training, dissemination, or policy work and then select a type of program based on how they match up.

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Once you have a sense of the type of program you want to attend, start researching programs. Look at coursework, faculty, practicum experiences and especially what their graduates are doing.

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