

Information and advice for graduate students on

1. Surviving the 1st year and finding an advisor (or better even, a mentor)
 - [UMD Economics Dept. information for graduate students](#)
 - ["How to survive your first year of graduate school in economics"](#), by Matthew Pearson
 - Why you need a good advisor: ["Dissertation advisors and initial job placements for economics PhD recipients"](#), by Hilmer and Hilmer
 - [What to expect from your graduate mentor\(s\) and you](#)
 - [A 6-step "program" to writing a dissertation!](#), by Nuno Limão
2. Getting started on research
 - ["Ph.D. Thesis Research: Where do I Start?"](#), by Don Davis
 - ["How to get started on research in economics?"](#) by Steve Pischke
 - ["An unofficial guide to trying to do empirical work"](#) by Amy Finkelstein
3. Developing a topic and writing
 - ["How to Build an Economic Model in Your Spare Time"](#), by Hal Varian
 - ["The Young Person's Guide to Writing *Economic Theory*"](#), by William Thompson
 - ["Replication in Economics"](#) by Dan Hamermesh.
 - ["Writing Tips for Ph. D. Students"](#), by John H. Cochrane
4. Presenting
 - ["Giving an Academic Talk"](#), by Jonathan Shewchuk
 - ["The "Big 5" and Other Ideas*. For Presentations"](#), by Don Cox
5. Publishing
 - ["How to publish in top journals,"](#) by Kwan Choi
 - ["How to be a good referee,"](#) by Kwan Choi
6. Getting an academic job
 - ["A Guide and advice for Economists on the US Junior Academic Job Market"](#), by John Cawley
7. Achieving and handling fame!
 - [How to win a Nobel Prize](#), by Assar Lindbeck
 - [A Media Guide for Economists](#), by Dan Hamermesh
8. Funding
 - [Community of Science \(COS\)](#)
 - [NSF dissertation improvement grants](#)
 - [UMD Graduate Awards and Fellowships](#)
 - [Roger and Alicia Betancourt Fellowship](#)
 - [Economic Club of Washington Fellowship](#)

9. Conferences

- American Economic Association Meetings ([AEA](#))
- Econometric Society Summer meeting ([ES](#))
- NBER Summer Institute ([SI](#))
- Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics ([SITE](#))
- Washington Area International Trade Symposium ([WAITS](#))
- Washington Area Development Economics Symposium ([WADES](#))
- Empirical Investigations in International Trade ([EIIT](#))
- [Midwest International Economics](#)
- [Inomics list](#)