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
   - “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

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