

# Success in Graduate Study

Graduate study period is a period to

- Prepare yourself
  - Start to set your career goal
  - A master or Ph.D. degree is a minimum
  - What kind of person you want to be when you graduate

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Graduate study period is a period to

- Enrich yourself
  - Through courses
    - Very limited, Need to know how to learn by yourself
  - Through research activities
    - Not only your thesis!
    - Volunteer other research projects
    - Read more professional research articles
    - Write a proposal
  - Through other professional activities
    - Attend seminars, conferences, workshops...

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Graduate study period is a period to

- Enrich yourself
  - Knowledge and Skill
    - Communication skill – presentation; cooperation; networking
    - Writing skill – technical writing
    - English

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Graduate study period is a period to

- Learn how to be a good researcher
  - Learn how to do research
    - Review papers
    - Divide a tough problem into small targets
    - Be persistent but smart
    - Hard working is a must but also be efficient
  - Have a vision
    - Do NOT only focus on what you are doing
    - Know the hot topics
    - Know who is doing what
    - Know the status and the trend in your area

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When you graduate:

- Hard evidence
  - Paper
  - Project
  - Other activities
  - Reference
- Soft evidence
  - Communication skill
  - Understanding of your interested research area
  - Personality

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English, English, English...

- Why
- How people judge your English
  - Speaking, Listening, Writing, Reading
- Spending your time and effort
  - Speak English whole day
  - Watch TV, movie... (turn of the caption!)
  - Fiction (or non-fiction) on tape
  - Learn to pronounce correctly
  - Learn the culture

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A good book for academic job searching:

**The Academic Job Search Handbook**

-- Mary Heiberger and Julia Vick