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To Be or Not To Be a Graduate Student?

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While some recent alumni have already immersed themselves in further studies, you may be wondering if getting an advanced degree might be right for you. Pursuing a graduate or professional degree is a major commitment of time, energy and money. Before beginning the application process, consider the following questions:

- What are your long-term career goals?
- Which degree programs contribute to those goals, if any?
- Are you aware of and prepared for the academic challenges?
- Do you have the financial resources necessary to complete the degree?
- Are you passionate about your intended field of study and career plans?

Once you make the decision to work towards an advanced degree, you will need to consider your time frame, re-search schools and programs, and complete the application process. UNL Career Services can help you explore these questions, clarify your interests and goals, and then assist you throughout the application process. For more information, visit: <http://www.unl.edu/careers/grad>.

