

# BENEFITS & CHALLENGES OF THE PROFESSION

## Benefits

- Opportunity to focus on something of interest (i.e., biology, art, marketing, etc.)
- Professional development
- Gain more qualifications, experience, and connections
- Teaching opportunities
- Flexibility



## Challenges

- Grad studies can often be isolating
- Not having peers when it comes to needing help with research
- Managing unionized staff (constantly hiring staff)
- Difficult to work with some facilities if goals do not align
- You may not know where you will end up
- Work load

## SHORT DESCRIPTION

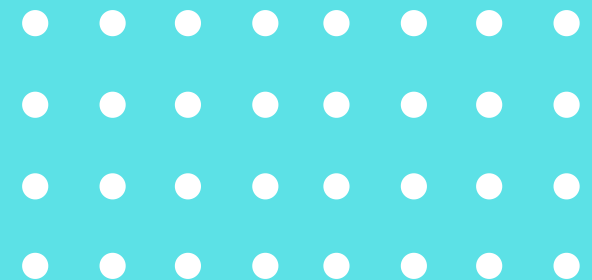
**Graduate programs:** advanced academic degrees (i.e., master's or doctoral degrees)

- Learning is more self-directed and focused on a specific area
- Research
- Some graduate students are employed at a college or university as a Teaching Assistant



# GRAD PROGRAM

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# ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Working towards the specific Grad program
- listening to the lectures/teaching material
- learn about the professor's theories
- working your way towards a Thesis/ research
- creating resources
- Independancy
- Financial support
- significant time towards completion of degree



# FORMAL TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

## Requirements:

- Undergraduate Degree
- Masters Degree
- Experience in the field
- 3 reference letters
- Specific minimum GPA
- Understanding the specific requirements of the grad school of choice
- Standardized tests for admission (depends on which program)
- Transcript

# TYPICAL DAY

- Students usually make their own schedules
- Weekly meetings
- Readings
- Research/data analysis and writing (reading literature, collecting data, analyzing data, writing journal articles, etc.)
- Teaching: Admin tasks, facilitate events on zoom, planning/prepping for these events

