

Educational Career Guide

The Professor



WHAT IS A PROFESSOR?



- Professors work for institutions of higher learning and split their time between academic services, research, and instruction.
- Professors will spend more time conducting research and provide fewer courses as they gain more experience.
- Professors frequently serve in leadership positions, go to conferences, write publications, and help their colleagues.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Creating course materials and delivering them.
- Completing fieldwork, investigations, and reports after doing research.
- Research publication, conference attendance, giving talks, and networking with others in the area.
- Visiting different academic institutions to take part in learning opportunities and acquire experience.
- Attending professor, departmental, and committee meetings.
- Providing instruction and guidance to student lecturers and teaching assistants.
- Reviewing instructional strategies and resources and offering suggestions for advancement.



PROS + CONS

Pros	Cons
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ You can make decent money✓ Job Security✓ Travelling✓ Intellectual Freedom✓ Teaching✓ Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Competition✗ Work-life Balance✗ Pressure✗ Tiring✗ Lack of Jobs✗ Years of Schooling 

RANKS

Professor:

- The highest academic position in a college, university, or postsecondary institution is professor. Professors are well-known, competent academics who are frequently regarded as experts in their fields of study.

Assistant Professor:

- At colleges and universities, assistant professors are faculty members at the entry-level. The normal qualifications for an assistant professor include a Ph.D. and relevant teaching and research expertise.

Associate Professor:

- A mid-level professor known as an associate professor, teaches courses that are linked to their research and often holds a PhD or other professional degree.
- An associate professor's duties are comparable to those of an assistant professor. Associate professors have greater experience and frequently have tenure, which is a significant distinction.

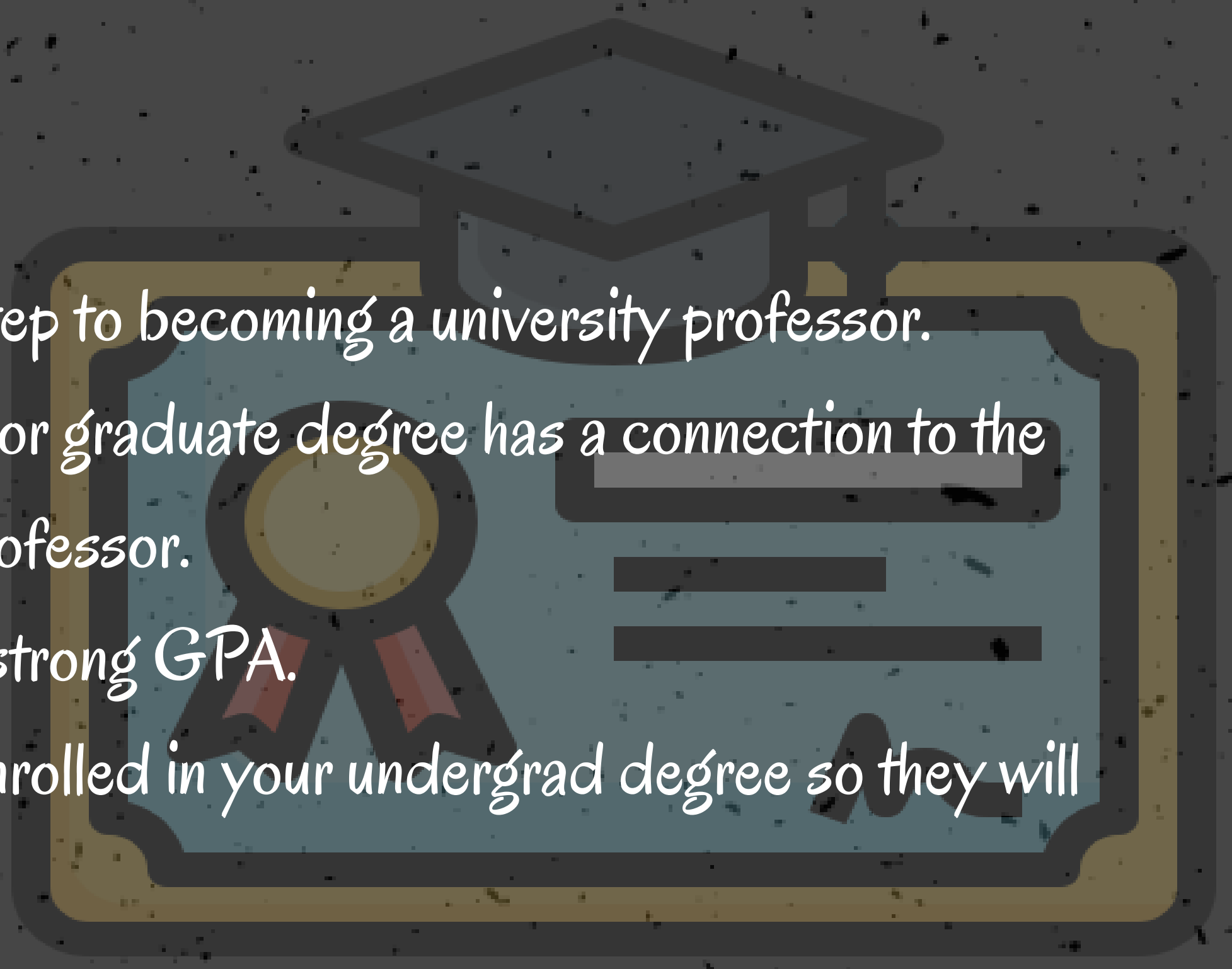
Graduate Teaching Assistant:

- Graduate students who instruct or help in instructing university undergraduate students are known as graduate teaching assistants.
- While working as a teacher, a graduate teaching assistant is simultaneously pursuing advanced academic training.

HOW DO YOU BECOME A PROFESSOR?

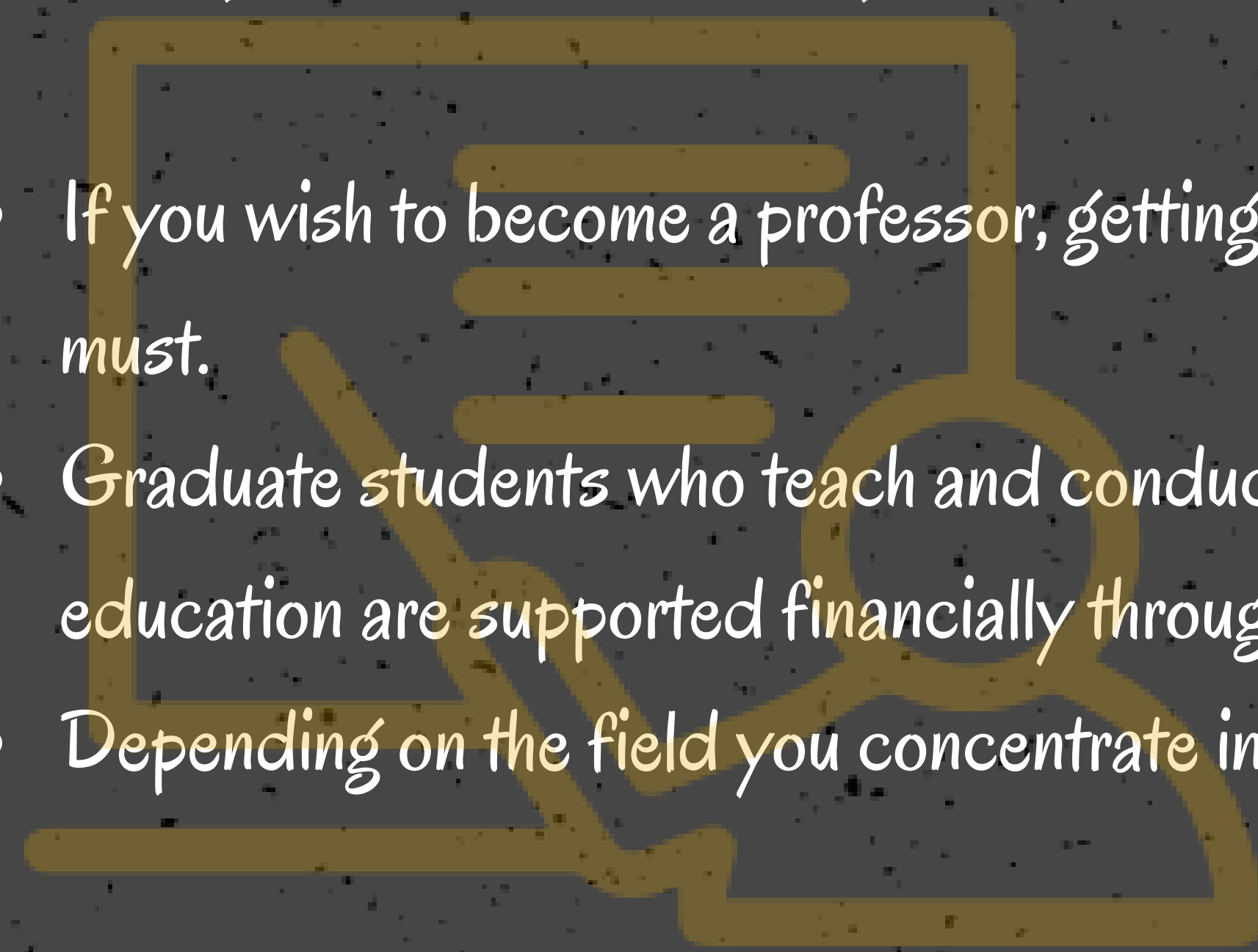
1. Obtain a Bachelor's Degree

- Getting your bachelor's in your chosen topic is the first step to becoming a university professor.
- Make sure the course you select for your undergraduate or graduate degree has a connection to the subject matter you intend to teach when you become a professor.
- Make sure your main priority at this time is maintaining a strong GPA.
- Work closely with instructors on certain projects while enrolled in your undergrad degree so they will appear on your CV.



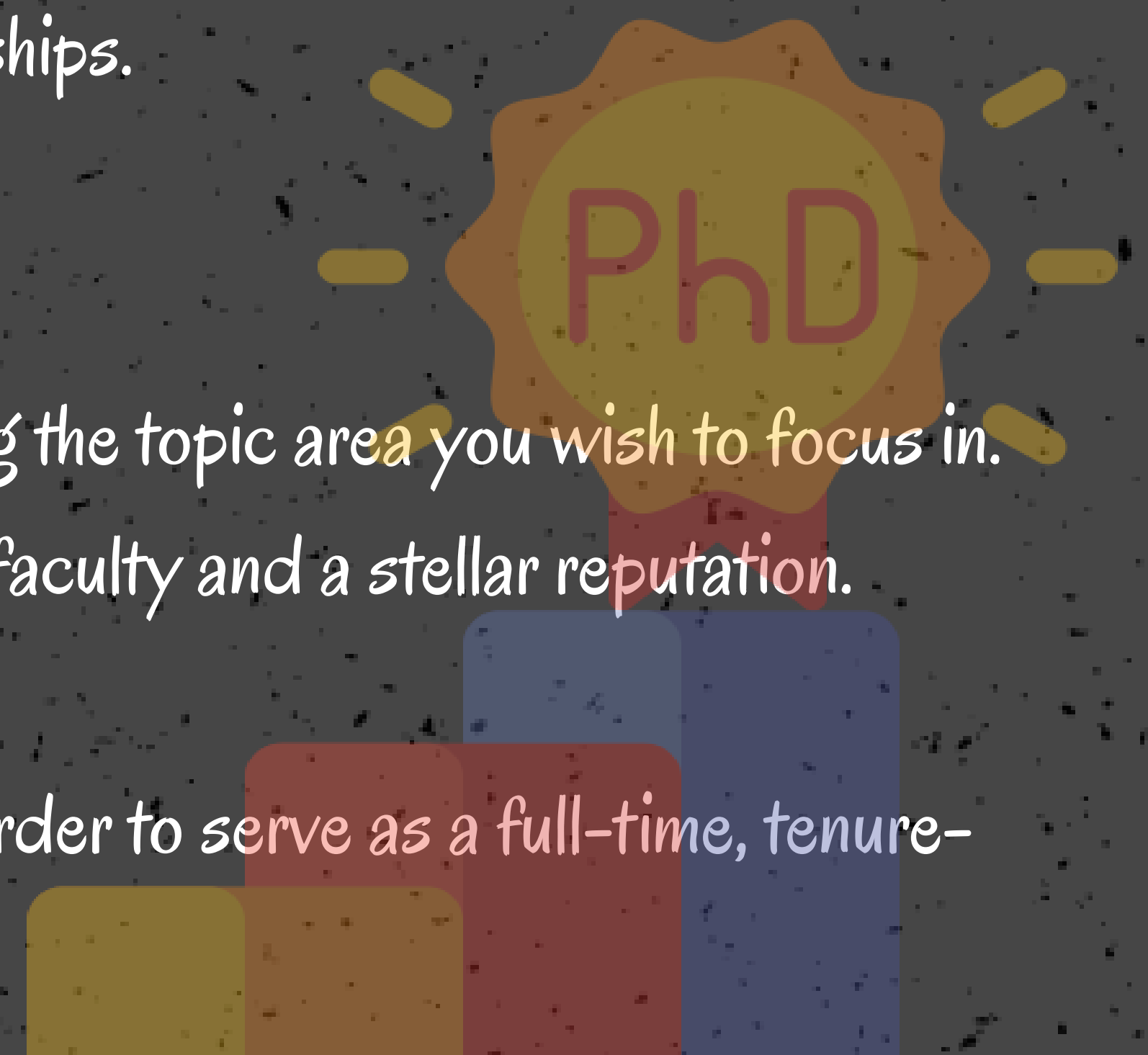
2. Participate in an Assistantship

- If you wish to become a professor, getting an assistantship throughout your graduate studies is also a must.
- Graduate students who teach and conduct research to advance the goals of the institution and their own education are supported financially through assistantship programs.
- Depending on the field you concentrate in, there are many assistantships.



3. Get a Master's Degree or Ph.D.

- Getting an advanced degree should be your next step after choosing the topic area you wish to focus in.
- Make sure you pick a prestigious graduate school with outstanding faculty and a stellar reputation.
- Having a Ph.D. demonstrates your expertise in your field of study.
- Although you may still become a lecturer with a master's degree, in order to serve as a full-time, tenure-track university professor, you normally need a PhD degree.



4. Gain Experience

- You must have teaching experience before you can become a professor.
- Discovering what teaching actually takes via experience as a tutor, assistant professor, or high school teacher is beneficial.
- It also provides you a chance to improve your abilities and create efficient teaching methods.

