

# APPLICATIONS TIPS: JOBS OR GRADUATE SCHOOLS

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## JOBS

- The Career Center is most helpful with finance, consulting, or teaching jobs, and with medical or law school.
- The Williams Alumni Directory may help you make connections with people who have done things similar to what you would like to do.

## GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- Get advice on schools. There is no need to apply everywhere. A modest number will do.
- Look online through faculty research descriptions for projects that sound awesome. The work and the people you work with, specifically your faculty mentor, will be important. The location and environment matter too. Find the fit that is right for you. It is **your** life.
- Schools will require grades, a statement of purpose, and ~three letters of recommendation. They may or may not require GRE general and Physics subject tests.

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Faculty will write and send them. Ask politely, **well in advance** of deadlines.
- Have a conversation about your goals. Offer to provide your key application materials. Maybe list things that you hope the recommendation letter might address.
- Be organized. Provide a list of deadlines.
- A polite query as deadlines get near can be a nice reminder, but be patient.
- Recommendation letters are usually confidential between faculty and the institutions.