

Survival Skills for Graduate School

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This session is a forum for current and prospective graduate students to exchange tips and advice for making the most of a graduate school experience. Senior graduate students will have the opportunity to mentor new and prospective students, who are encouraged to come with questions and possible discussion topics. Natalie Ross will lead the discussion; she is a 6th year Ph.D. student with a toddler at home, so she has plenty of “survival” experience. Possible discussion topics might include:

- What skills does it take to do well in graduate school?
- How to choose an advisor and “guide” your advisor in helping you reach your goals
- Funding – RA vs. TA
- Specific challenges facing women
- How to keep balance in your life and overcome inevitable negativity

We hope to make this session fun and enjoyable for the participants by creating an environment that will foster open communication, friendship and laughter.