

# Graduate School is the Key to Your Future

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# Graduate School at UNT Allows



- Specialization
- Professional Independence
- Contribution to scholarship and society
- Individual development

# Which degree are you pursuing?



|                   | Master's Degree        | Doctoral Degree                                |
|-------------------|------------------------|--|
| Program Length    | 1-3 yrs.               | 3-6 yrs.                                       |
| Research Training | Work under direction   | Become an independent scholar & expert         |
| Profession        | Practitioner & manager | Practitioner & manager or a researcher/scholar |

# It is necessary for your career

- What are your career goals?
- Does your field require a higher level of education?
  - Business
  - Psychology
  - Research careers
- Will increase earnings significantly over time
- Career advancement



# EDUCATION AND TRAINING PAY

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN 2016

## MEAN EARNINGS IN 2015

8%

6%

4%

2%

0%

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\$30,000

\$60,000

\$90,000

\$120,000

\$150,000

\$180,000

Note: Earnings for year-round full-time workers 25 years and over; unemployment rate for those 25 and over

Source: US Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics

[https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/tables/pinx-03/2016/pinx03\\_1\\_1\\_2\\_1.xls](https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/tables/pinx-03/2016/pinx03_1_1_2_1.xls)

1.6%

PROFESSIONAL  
DEGREE

\$161,243

1.6%

DOCTORATE  
DEGREE

\$126,586

2.4%

MASTER'S  
DEGREE

\$93,338

2.7%

BACHELOR'S  
DEGREE

\$77,572

3.6%

ASSOCIATE  
DEGREE

\$54,316

4.4%

SOME COLLEGE,  
NO DEGREE

\$51,185

5.2%

HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATE

\$44,918

7.4%

LESS THAN  
HIGH SCHOOL

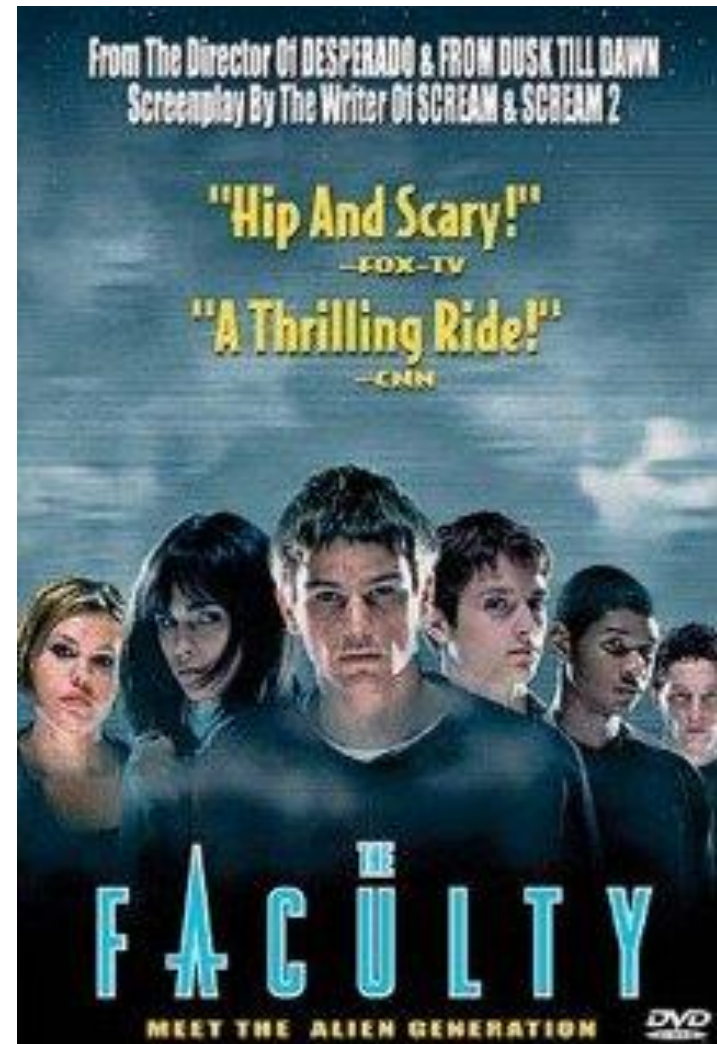
\$36,419

# 10 steps for getting the most from your grad school experience

1. Think about how to get the tools you need now
2. Don't overload with one professor because you will learn more from a variety of faculty
3. Take the most relevant courses in the department rather than focusing on the easiest
4. Try several different types of research experiences
5. Get to know professors – learning & recommendations
6. Don't romanticize grad school

# Researching getting the most from your degree

- Balance your career goals and funding opportunities
- Talk to your professors
- Talk to current graduate students
- Talk to former graduate students
- Attend conferences
- Web research



# Prepare for your career as you start and work on your degree

- Start early so you understand the credentials you need to develop as you complete your degree.
  - ▣ Gain the technical skills
  - ▣ Build the credentials needed
- Once you enter the market, apply to as many opportunities as you find.





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I wish you every success in your degree and future career.