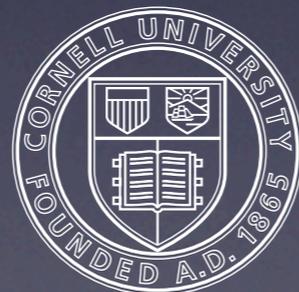


# Applying to Grad Schools

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# DON'T PANIC

*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*



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Find mentors

Have fun

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# Rec. Packet

- CV with cover note
- “To do” list for each request
- Clearly marked deadlines
- Self contained: stamped envelopes, etc.
- Organized: e.g. manila folders
- Be professional

# Resources

- Mentors: Faculty, **grad students**
- Cornell Advising Infrastructure
- Internet (with a grain of salt)

# Don't forget

- Thank your advisers.
- Let them know how things worked out.
- Enjoy your second semester, summer