DON'T PANIC

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Underclassmen

Do research

Find mentors

Have fun
Grad Applications

PhD Programs

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Do not forget to apply for Fellowships!!
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Get this done this week.
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Highlight your research!
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**Hint:** Get to know the group admin.
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