

# *Do's & Don'ts in Deciding on Going to Graduate School*

## Good Reasons

- To advance and grow within your field of study
- For educational curiosity
- To specialize within your field
- You received scholarships and/or can afford to go
- To build self-confidence, broaden your knowledge, open opportunities and establish a new network of connections
- To add to your resume as continue to build a focused pathway to your career
- Change of career

## Bad Reasons

- You do not know what to do after graduation
- It seems like the next step to take after undergraduate studies
- Your friends are doing it; your family thinks it's the next step
- To put on your resume because you need to fill in some space
- You were approved for a personal loan(s)
- You are bored
- You don't want to or are afraid of the job search and to start working

In order to make the best decision for yourself you must be able to evaluate your wants interests and goals before committing to a graduate program. You are more than welcome to meet with your Graduate School Advisor to discuss this further.