SPSP’s Roadmap to graduate school: Suggested questions to ask while interviewing

Did you know that prospective graduate students are expected to ask questions when they interview with potential advisors and talk to current graduate students for admission into PhD programs?

If you are unsure where to start, consider these questions!

Ask current graduate students:
- What do you do for fun? What is there to do around X city?
- Do graduate students hang out with each other often?
- How often do you meet with your advisor?
- Are students included on publications? How involved is your advisor in the publication process when you write papers?
- How long does it take for students to graduate in the lab?

Ask potential advisors:
- How often do you meet with your students?
- What is your advising style?
- How many students do you typically advise at one time?
- How many publications do you expect your students to complete during their graduate studies?