



# My First Job

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# Undergraduate to Graduate School

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# Academia: Not So Much

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# Successful Applicants

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## Lessons Learned

- Undergrad to Grad School: How I Chose That Path
  - Do everything you can now to try the work for your next step; this experience will help you make informed decisions and help convince future employers that you are not a total unknown.
- Moving Away from Academia: How I Changed My Mind
  - If you are interested in business, take business classes and/or join (and be active in) clubs to solidify your interest.
  - Work-life balance keeps you happy in both; be sure to consider what is important to you and then find the job and career that match those features.
- Decision Resources: How I Got My First Job
  - When meeting people, you never know what role they will play in your future career, so always be polite and helpful to others.
  - Keep options open and take the help that mentors offer to you.
  - Keep in touch with your network/contacts and follow-up to build your network.
  - Timing is the better part of luck.
- Successful Applications: What We Look For
  - Demonstrated Business Experience: How do you know you are interested in a career with us?
  - Attention to Detail: Your resume and cover letter should have no mistakes.
  - Persistence: We may not have a position open today, but that doesn't mean you wouldn't be a great fit.
  - Demonstrated Achievement: Top performers in their current positions are more likely to be top performers in future positions.
- You cannot control luck and cannot fully control timing, so if you do not find something right away, try and stay positive...you will find that great job and career eventually!

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# Thank You