



GRADMAP

5 Questions for a Successful First Year

Now is a great time to start learning more about your program and thinking about what goals you want to accomplish while at Illinois. The first step is to identify your [Support Network](#). In the space below, identify a few people to talk to. Then choose some questions to ask (we've come up with five to help you get started). You can take notes on the right hand side of the sheet.

IDENTIFY WHO TO TALK TO

- Department staff
- Faculty
- Advanced graduate student
- Career of interest

Others? (Add names below)

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QUESTIONS TO ASK

- What strategies do you recommend for being successful in my program?
- How can I find mentors in my field?
- How can I learn more about disciplinary and professional expectations?
- How can I get engaged in my program and profession?
- How should I prioritize my time in the first year?

Others? (Add questions below)

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MEETING NOTES

Name:

Role:

Notes:

Next Steps: