

# Developing and Communicating Research Interests

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# Agenda: Research Interests

- Why do you need this?
- Where are you at?
- Developing Research Interests
- Communicating Research Interests



# Why do I need to discuss research prior to graduate school?

- Applying
  - Clinical Science/Ph.D.
  - Mentors
- Your “job”
  - Time
  - Prior Experience
- Learning Experience



# What are your research interests?



# Developing Research Interests

- Do you have research experience?
- Can you describe the study you assisted with?
- What did you like/dislike
- Read research articles
- Too broad; too specific
- *Research interests change, morph, and develop over time!!*



# Communicating Research Interests

- See Personal Statement
- What do Professors care about?
  - How does your research interests match
  - What are your thought processes
  - Can you communicate clearly



# Communicating Your Research Interests

- Developing your “story”

