

Resources: transitioning to graduate education

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I What is in this document?

In this document I put together some resources I have come across about the transition from undergrad school to graduate school, with a focus on Economics PhD programs, because those are the ones I know better. I added some references from business schools as well. I have also included a list of resources that I found useful and interesting: podcast recommendations, econ-related readings, and some organizations that work towards increasing diversity in Economics.

II Web sites with a compilation of resources

The PhD project: [link](#)

Wharton School: [link](#)

III Pre-doctorate RA positions

I have noticed an increasing trend on the calls for pre-doctorate research assistant positions. This experience is good for two reasons: (i) you will get direct exposure to how research is done and (ii) you might learn what are you interested on working, what you find cool and exciting. Here are some places to find RA positions listings and updates

- Econ RA Listings: @econ_ra. Exclusively retweets economics RA listings.
- J-PAL North America: @JPAL_NA. Tweets openings as they become available
- Chicago FED : [link](#)
- Research Assistant Positions not at the NBER: [link](#)
- Stanford GSB Research Fellow Program : [link](#)

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- Summer / winter internships at the IDB: [link IDB — 2020 Summer Internship Program](#)
- Also look at: California Policy Lab at UCLA, Luskin School of Public Affairs.

IV Pre-doctorate Summer Programs

These are more recent, I am not sure about the requisites to apply to these, but you can do more research about it:

- 2020 AEA Summer Program Application Submission: [link](#)
- The PhD Excellence Initiative [link](#)

V Other resources to keep in mind

Advice

Considerations for prospective graduate students in economics from the AEA: [link](#). This is specially useful if you are considering applying to grad school and want to know how to get ready. It has a nice list of links to Economists recommendations.

Podcast

If you are into podcasts, these two are really good:

- Probable Causation: is a podcast about law, economics, and crime, hosted by Jennifer Doleac. [link](#)
- Freakonomics Radio: Discover the hidden side of everything with Stephen J. Dubner, co-author of the Freakonomics books. [link](#)

Readings

The New Geography of Jobs by Enrico Moretti ([link in Amazon](#))

Love, Money, and Parenting: How Economics Explains the Way We Raise Our Kids ([link in Amazon](#))

Women in Economics

Women in Economics at LA: The objective of the Women in Economics at LA (WEcon@LA) group is to increase the share of women involved in each level of the economics profession. If you want to know more about us (I am a co-founder of this group), visit our site: [link](#) or follow us on Twitter: Women in Economics at LA @WEcon_LA.

If you want to know more about the situation of Women in Economics, this is a great reading: [link](#)

Organizations supporting Blacks in Economics

The Black Economists Network @TheBlackEcon_ T-BEN is an UK based organisation which seeks to connect, support and inspire Black economists whilst tackling the lack of diversity in the field.

The Sadie Collective: @SadieCollective: is a organization that seeks to address the pipeline and pathway for Black women in economics and related fields