How to find out which...

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Which Research Area?

- Take classes
- Do research projects
- Attend talks

- Don’t worry too much about finding the ‘right’ area, just do research in some area to decide whether you will like grad school!
Which Grad School?

- Talk to fellow students
- Talk to professors
- Talk to people at other universities
- If accepted **ATTEND** visit day (even if you plan to go somewhere else!!!)

Additions by my students:
- Look for CSGRE resources
- Don’t think you won’t program
- Apply many places
- Don’t assume lower ranking => acceptance

Don’t worry too much about funding

Find universities that have more than one professor in your area of interest

Try to contact professors; don’t be put off if a prof does not answer your email
Which Advisor?

- Talk to other students
- Talk to other professors
- Talk to folks at other universities

- Make an informed decision!
- Talk to their students. Do their students graduate? Do they get good jobs? Do they publish?
Which Thesis Topic?

- First, do research ASAP when you get to grad school, don’t worry about your topic!
- Don’t get into rut of trying to find ‘perfect’ topic
- Try to choose a topic that you are interested in
- Try to choose a topic that your advisor is also interested in
- Research internships are helpful, and can help you find a topic
How do you meet all these people?

- Go to professor’s office hours
- Form study groups with your peers
- Attend visit days at campuses
- Attend conferences
- Do internships