

# Tips to Prepare for and Apply to Graduate School

## The Value of Practical Experience & Ways to Get Involved

### ***Value of Practical Experience***

- Practical experience looks good to graduate schools, especially those in applied areas
- May lead to a job someday
- Working relationship with a professional in your field
- Opportunity for another good letter of recommendation
- Opportunity to explore an area of interest in more depth
- Could serve as the basis for a research project
- Opportunity to learn new skills

### ***Ways to Get Practical Experience***

- Talk about opportunities with other students
- Talk about opportunities with faculty advisor
- Talk about opportunities with other faculty
- Talk about opportunities with professionals you may know in the community
- Check out the list of agencies on the department website
- Look for summer employment opportunities nationwide