

Path to Graduate School



TIPS

- Determine type of job you want to pursue
- Take GRE test/improve scores if needed
- Secure advisor and funding
- Get admitted to graduate program

MASTER'S

PhD

NON-THESIS

THESIS

- Opportunity to work more closely and frequently with professionals in the field
- Can take less time to complete
- Often mirrors a bachelor's program in terms of structure
- Some programs offer online options

- Research focused
- Completing a thesis shows prospective schools and employers that you possess the skills needed for researching and writing long-form reports
- Possibility of publication
- Helpful for those pursuing PhD

- Research focused
- Involves devoting several years to intense research on a single research area
- Often required coursework is minimal to allow for a self-designed plan of study tailored to support the research project
- Expectation of publishing



Consider jobs in federal, state, local and private organizations

PhD

Research Scientist
Professor
Biologist

Master's

Biologist
Fisheries/Wildlife Specialist
Conservation Officer
Urban Conservationist
Natural Resource Specialist

Bachelor's

Fisheries/Wildlife Technician
Fisheries/Wildlife Laborer
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