

# How to optimize your Undergrad & Grad school experience?

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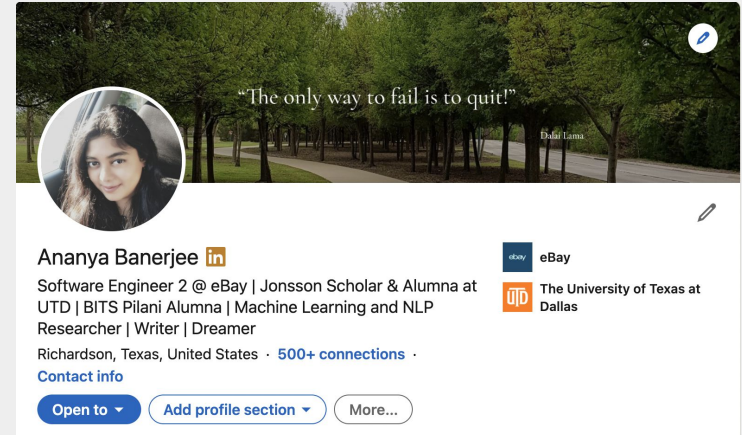
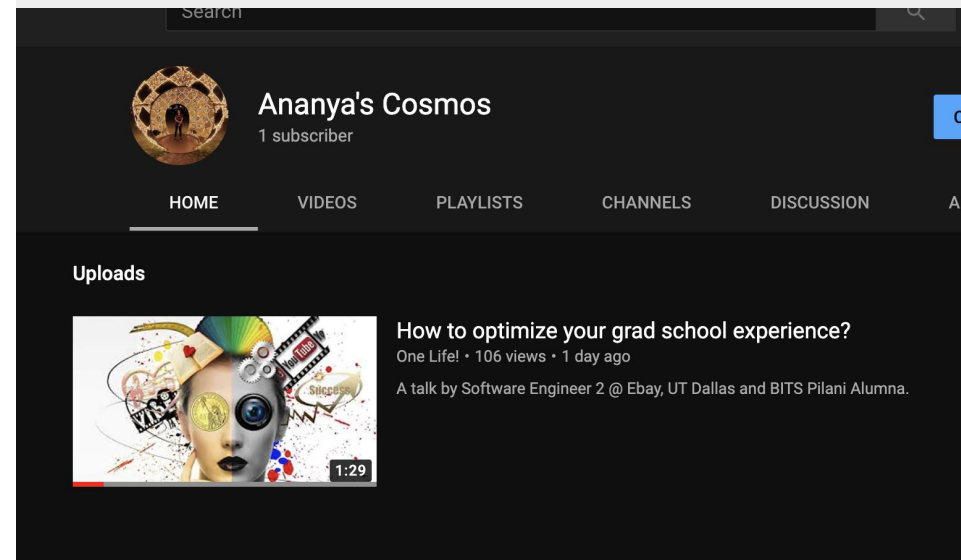
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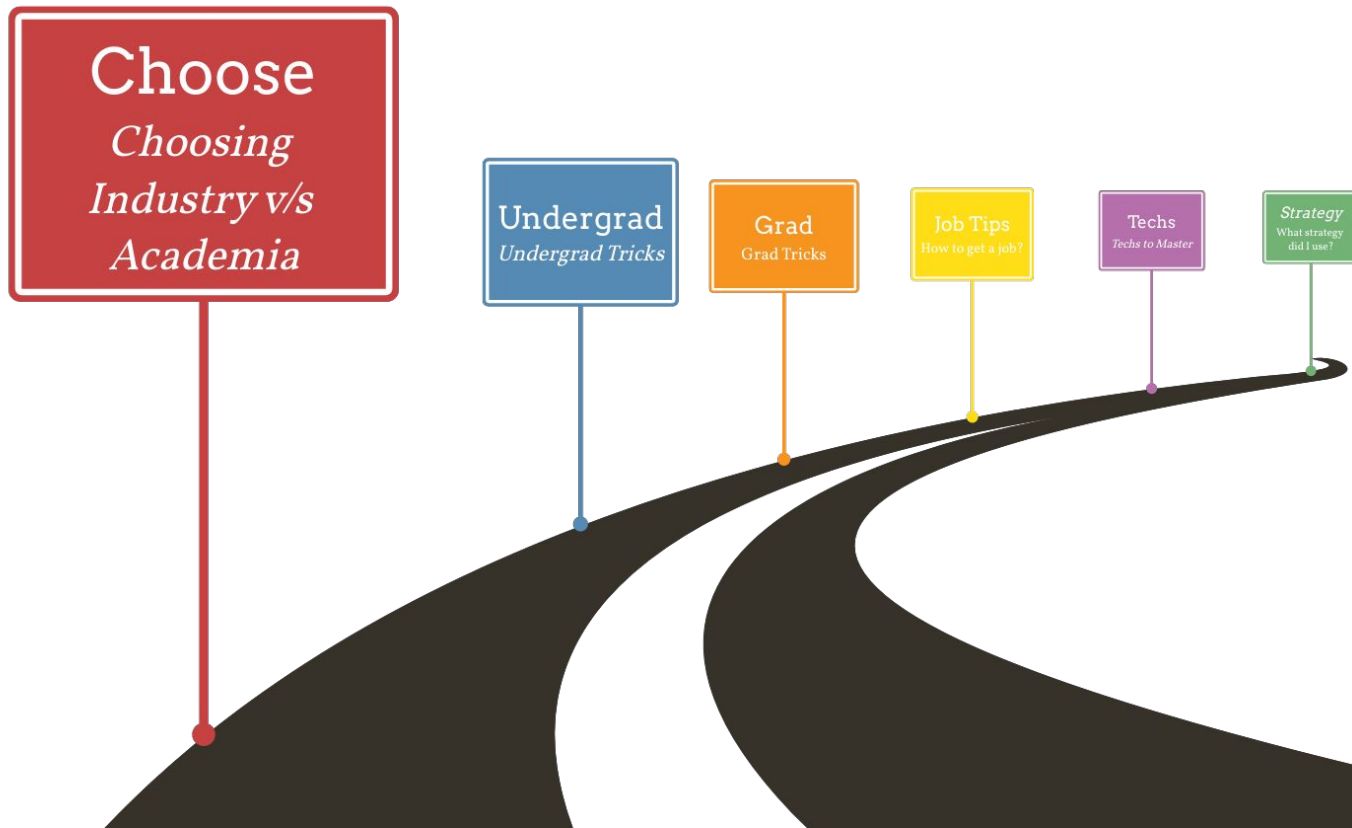
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# Roadmap to the Talk

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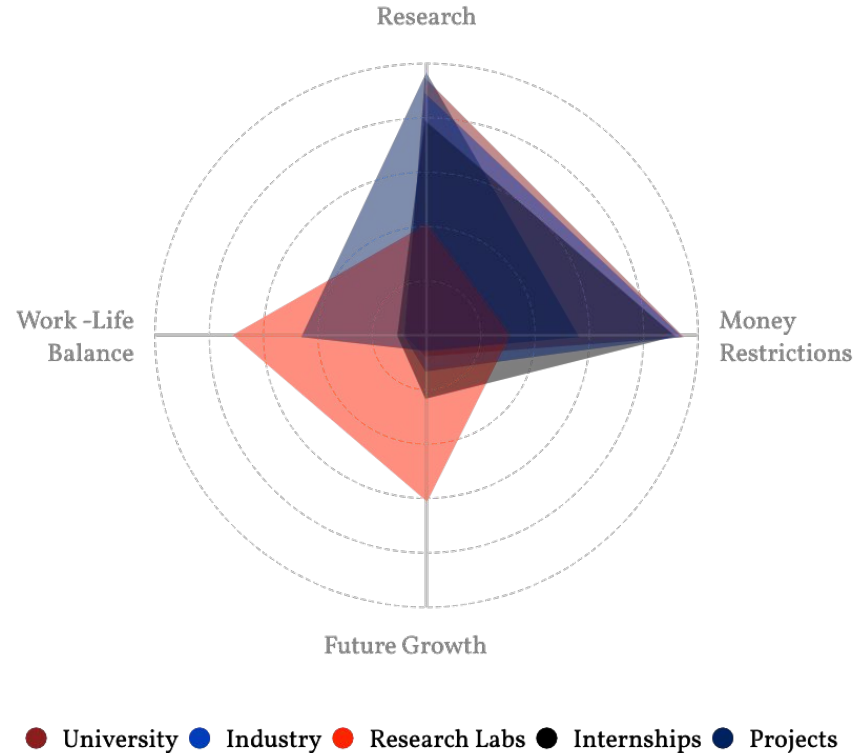
# How to place yourself uniquely?



*How to choose between Industry &  
Academia?*

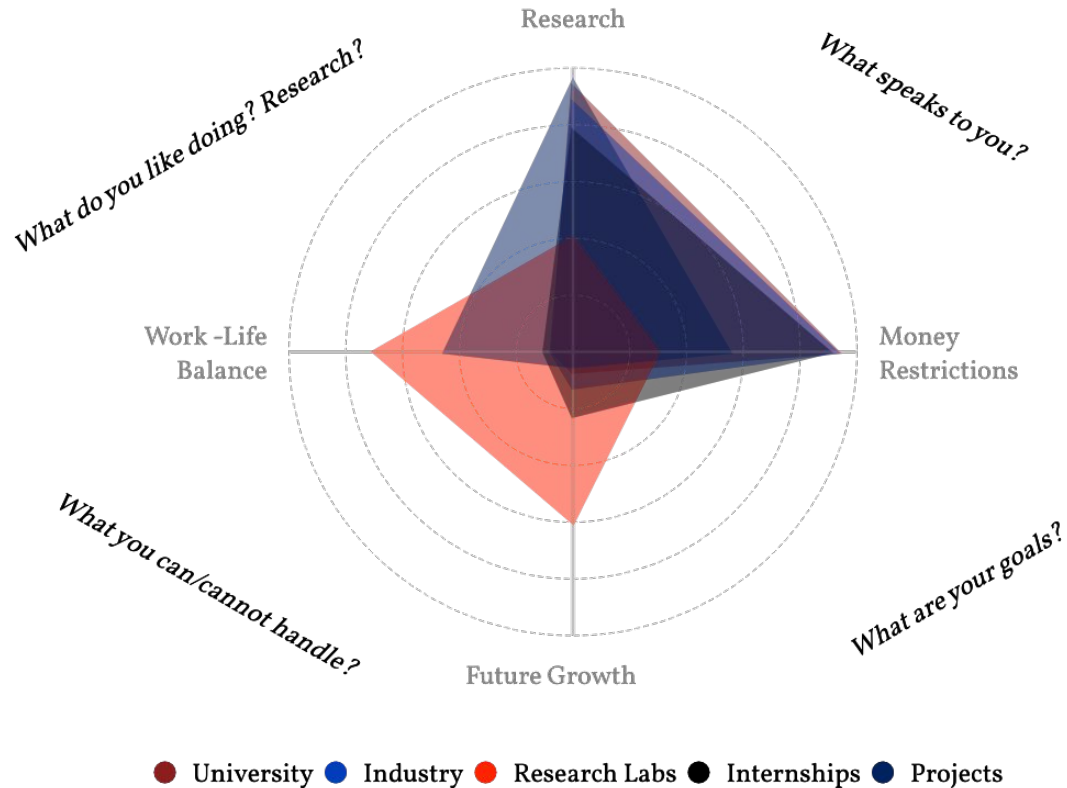
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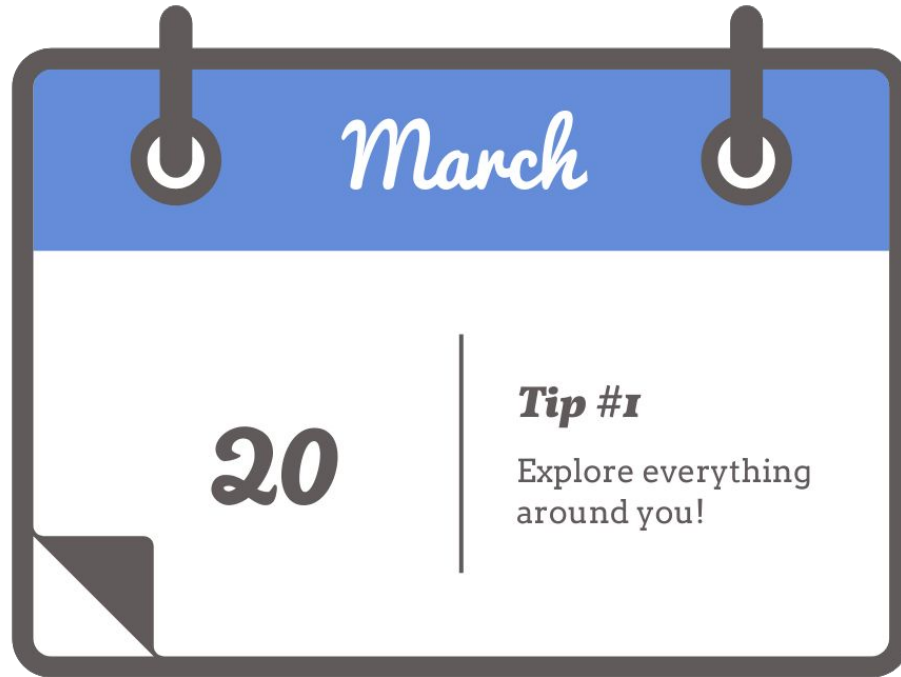
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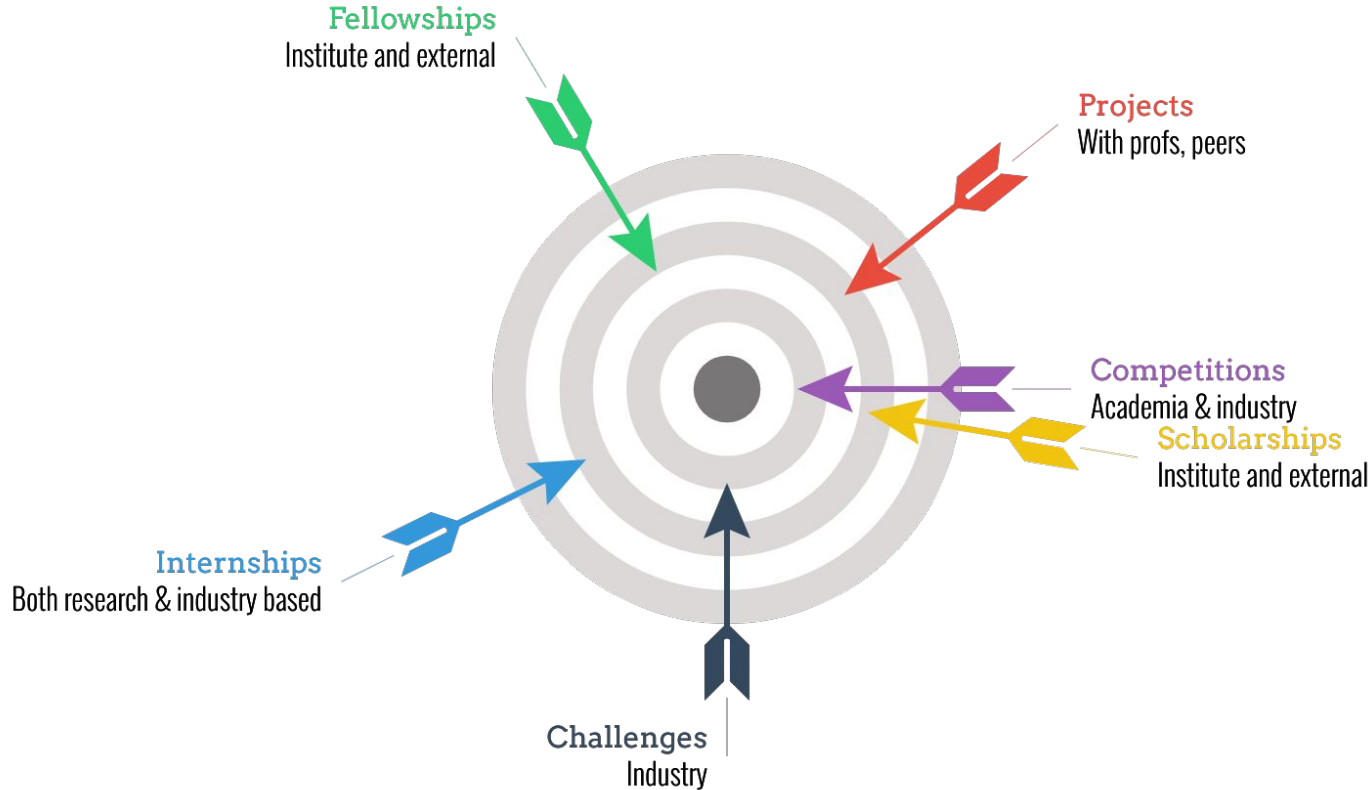


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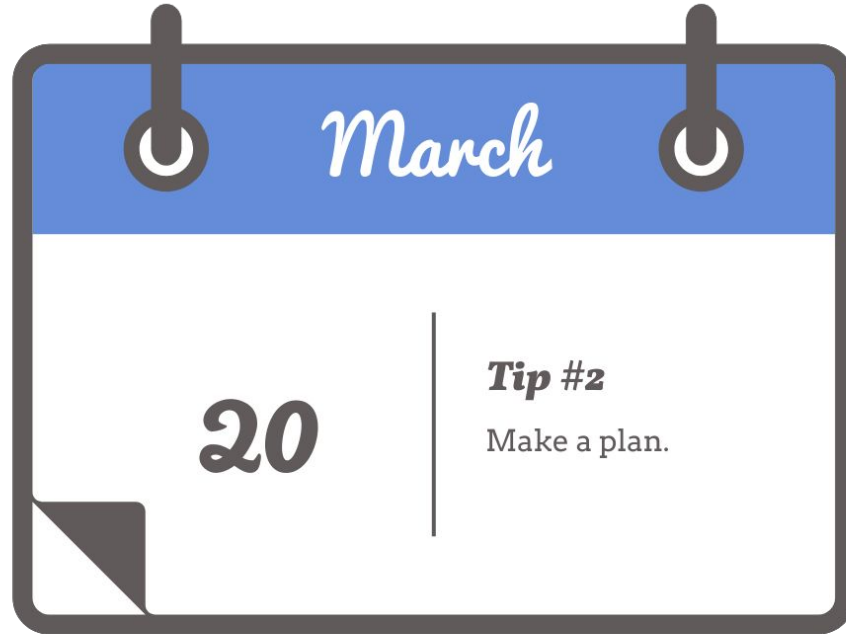
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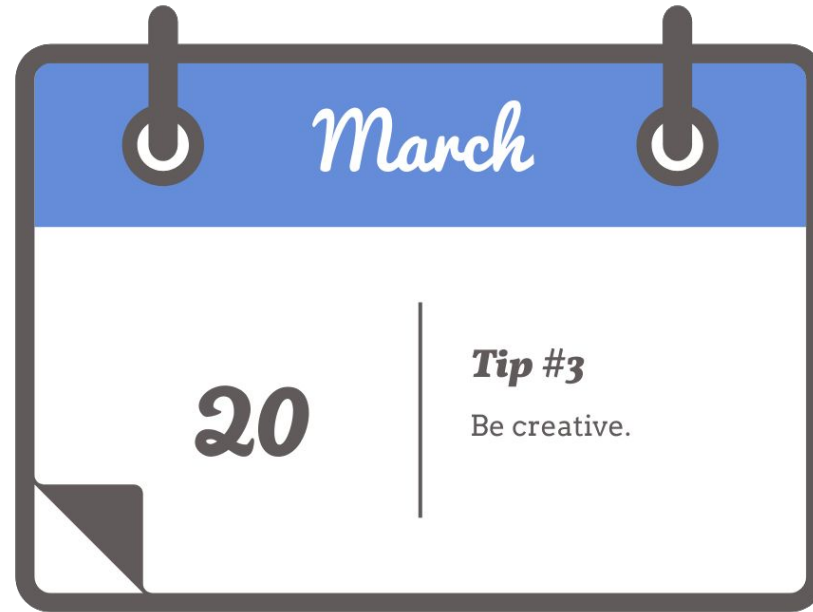
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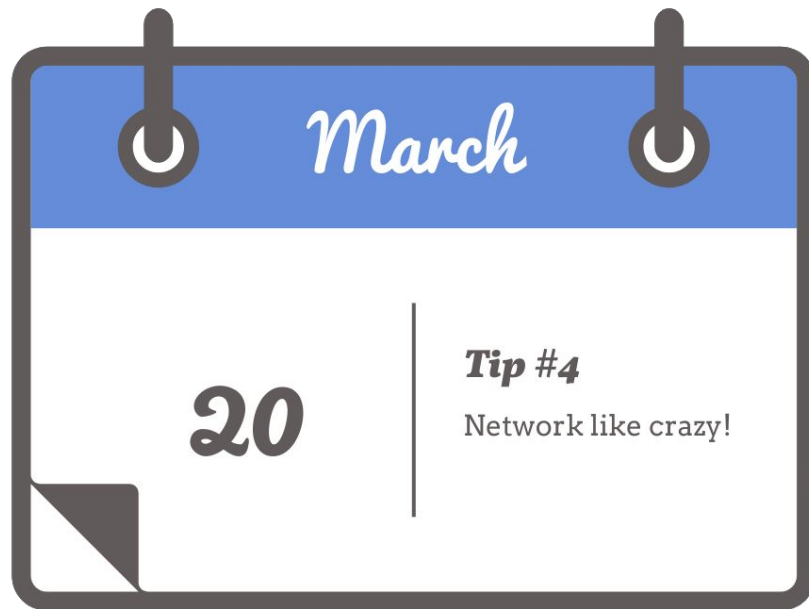
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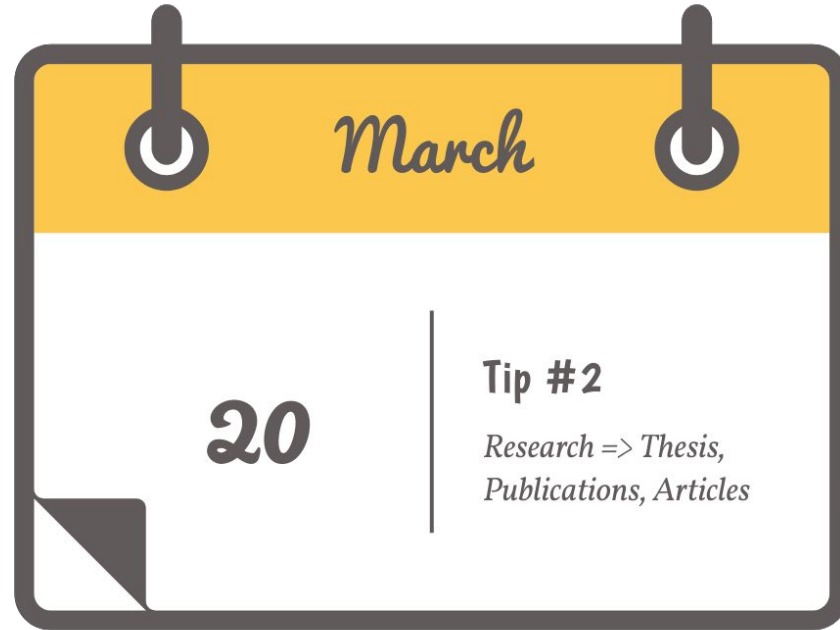
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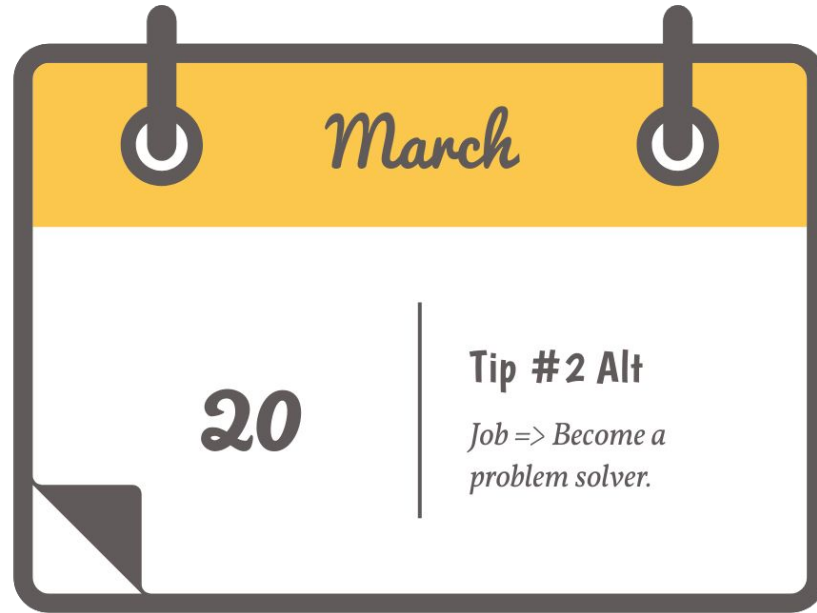




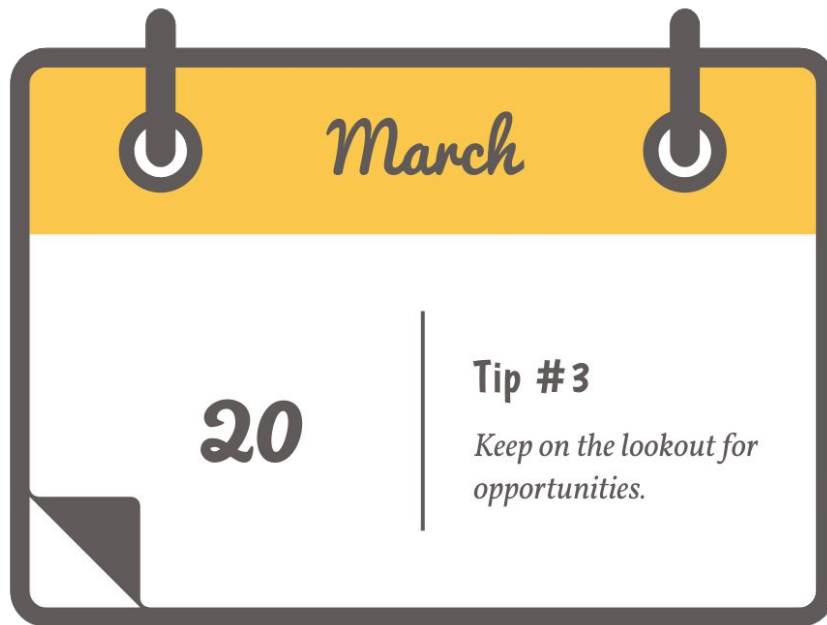
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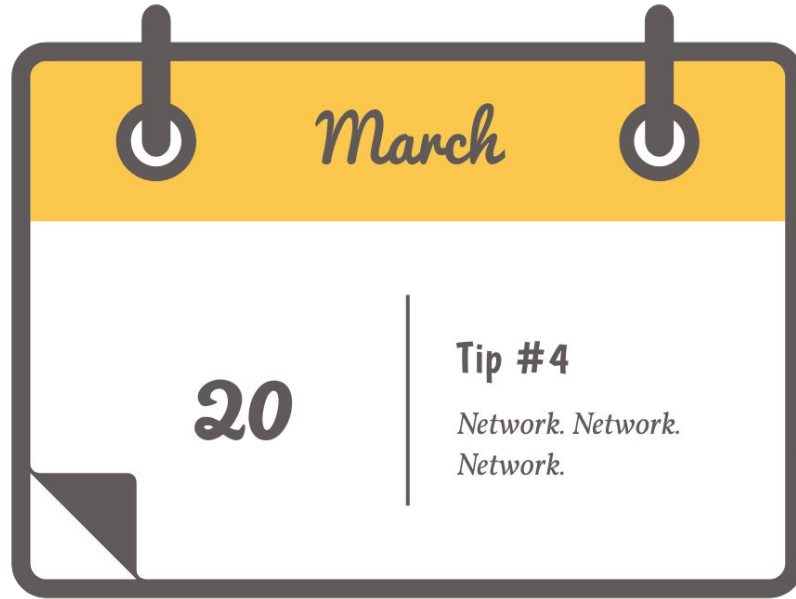
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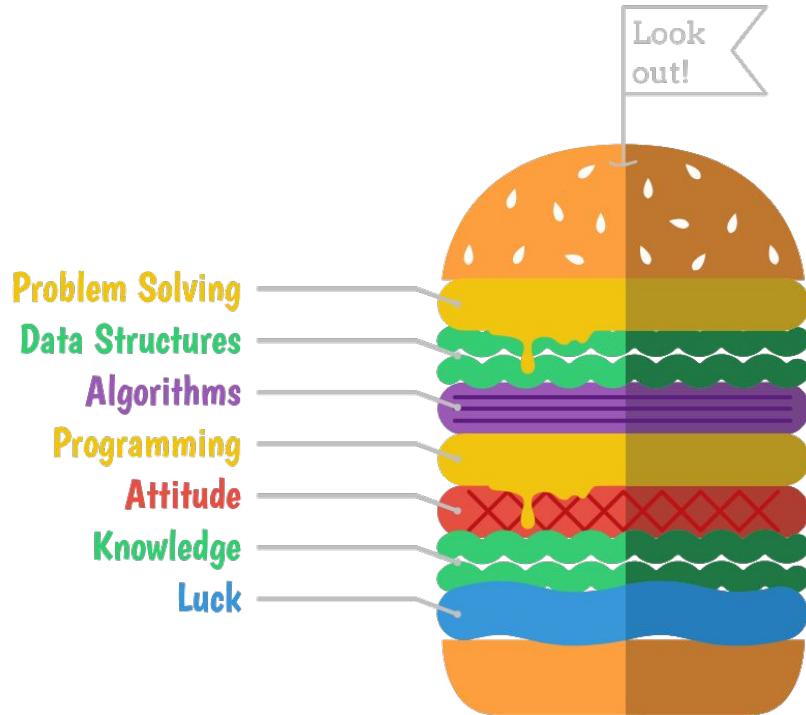


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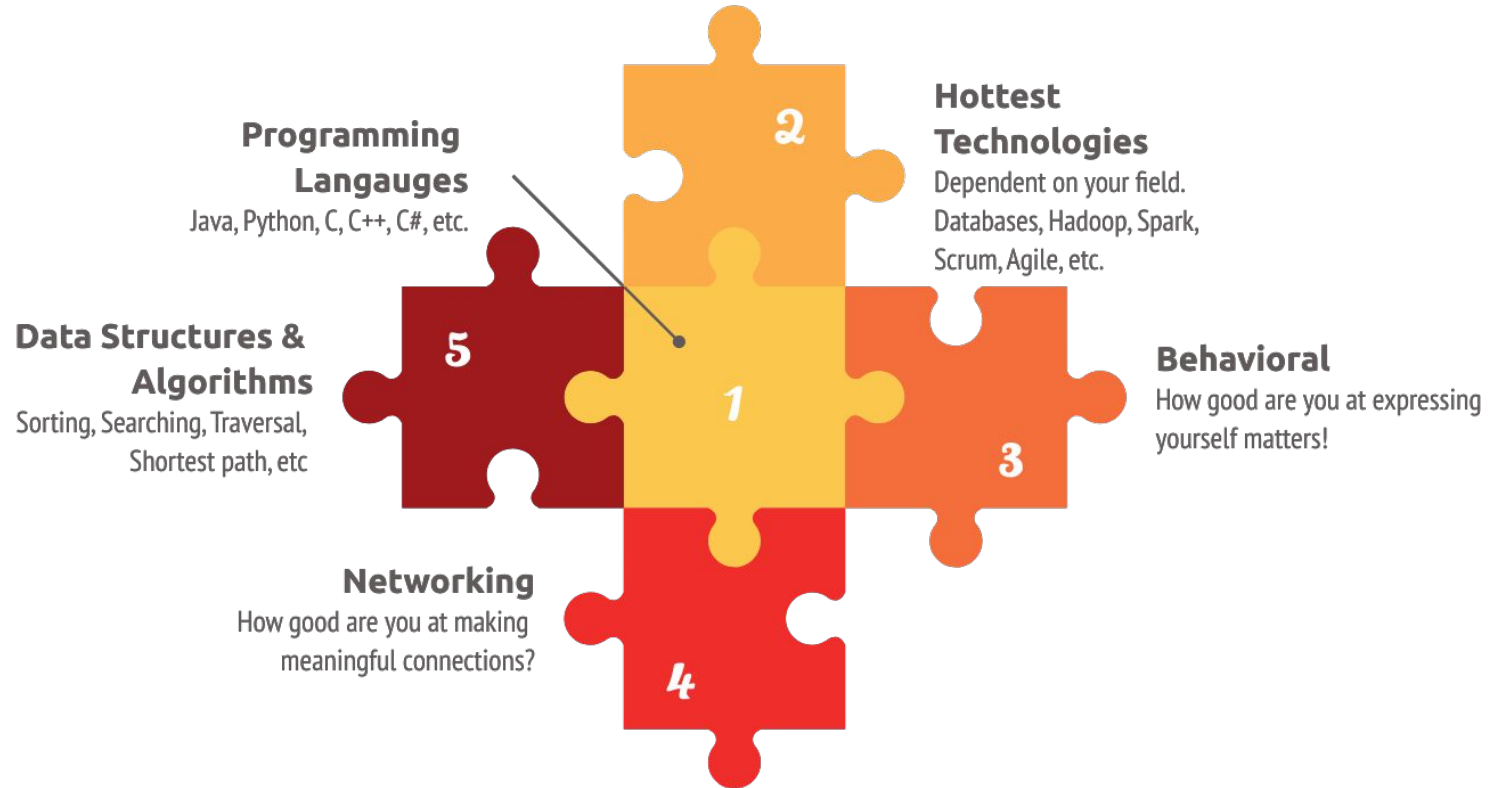
*What gets me a good job in general?*

# Job ready packaged meal!



*What gets me a good job in the US?*

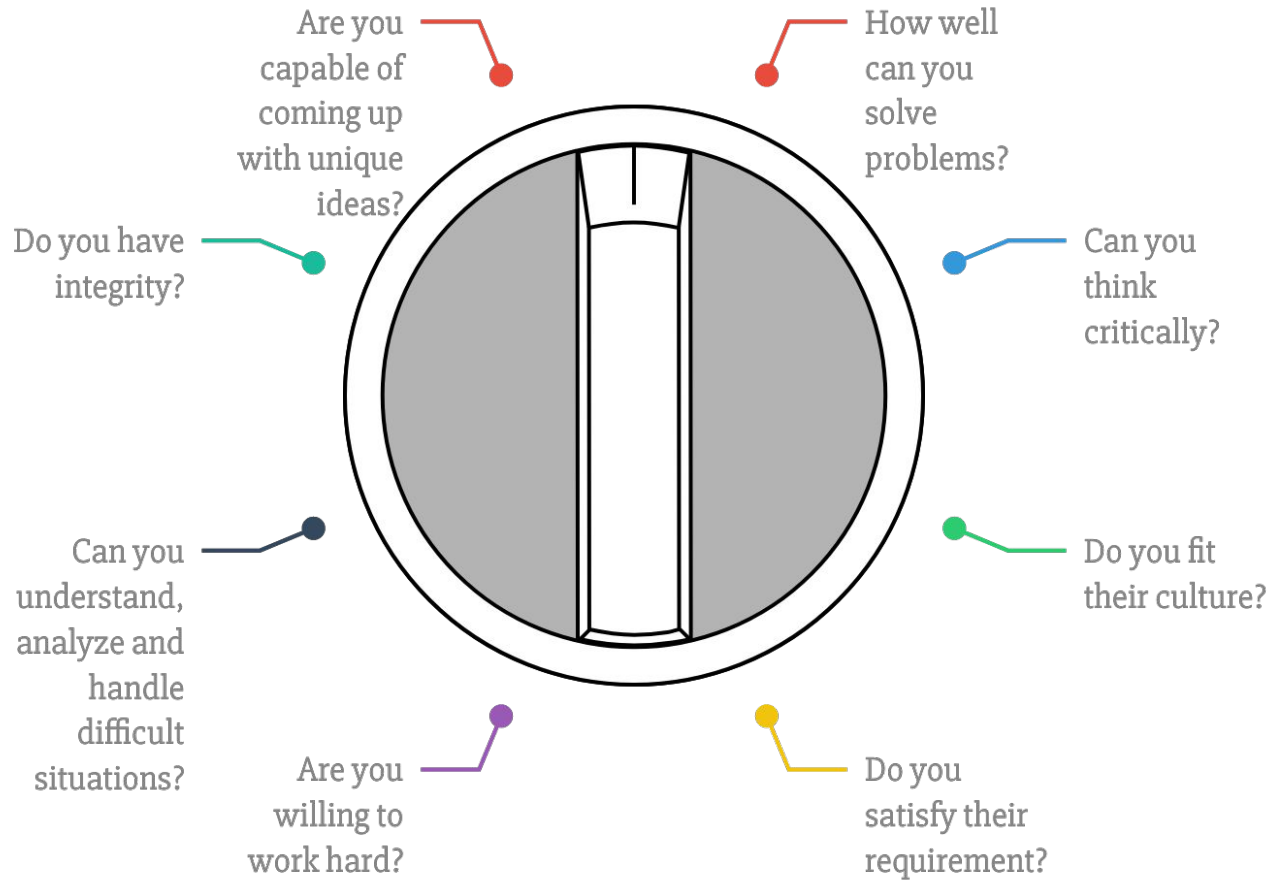
# The job market @ USA





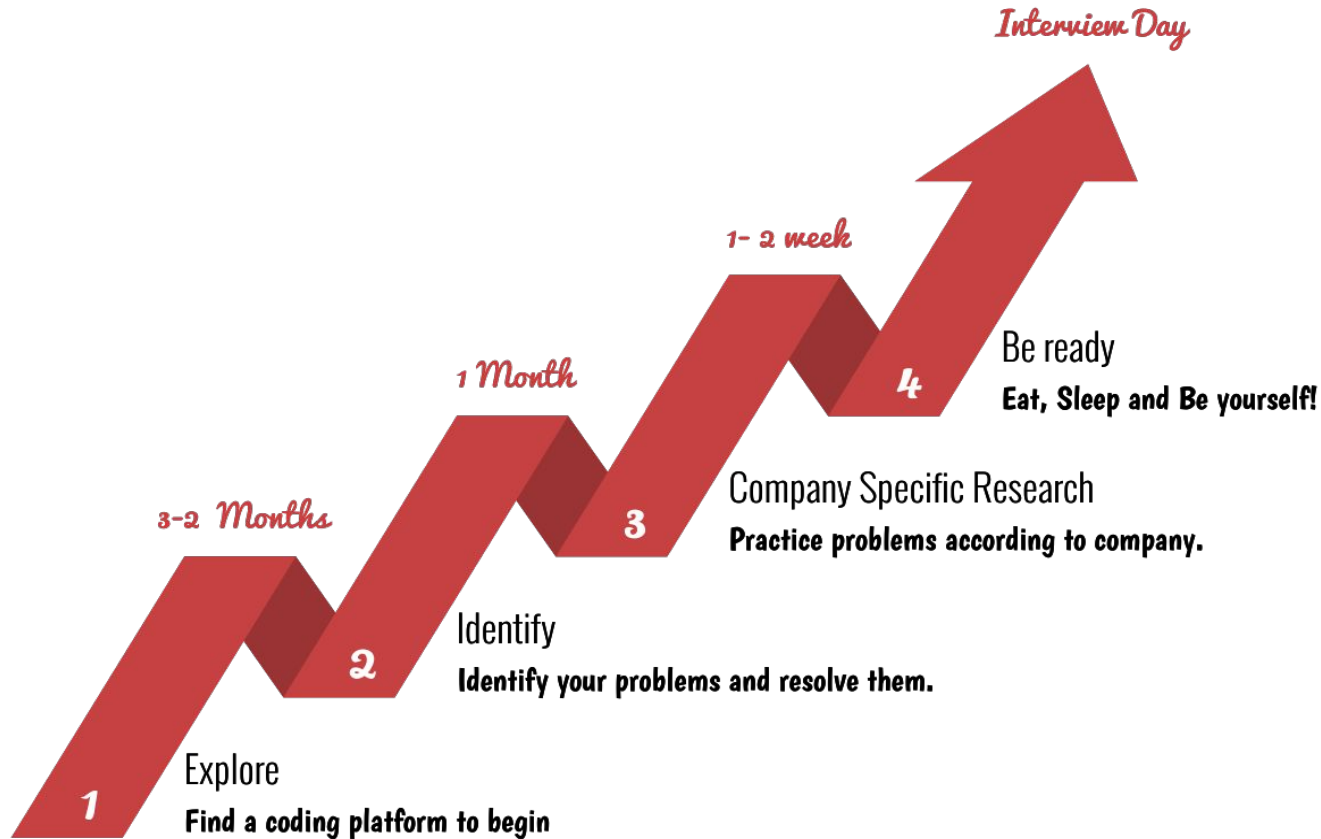
*What do companies want?*

# What do companies want??



*Okay! How do I prepare?*

# Job Prep Timeline



*What was my strategy?*

# My Strategy

**Outline the issue**  
What are the goals and barriers?

**Go wild**  
Think about creative solutions

**Networking**  
Tried to find mentors, peers, like-minded.



**Set your final goal**  
Break it down into smaller objectives

**Detail your plan**  
Analyze every component carefully

*What did my timeline look like?*

# My Timeline

## ***Chose platform***

Did background research to identify which platform to use to maximize benefit for improving my problem solving as well as starting my job search. Started applying for jobs.

Sep 2020

Oct 2020

## ***Made a solid plan***

I analyzed my strengths and weakness after practicing in problems in september. Next, I made a detailed startegy.

## ***Practiced areas which were my limitation***

I focused on problems or areas I had a problem with.

Nov 2020

Dec 2020

## ***Strategy Evolved***

By now, I had developed a good problem solving mindset. Now, I started focusing on design problems.

## ***Company Specific problems***

I started doing problems from companies like Google, FB, eBay, etc. I started hearing back from companies.

Jan 2021

Feb 2021

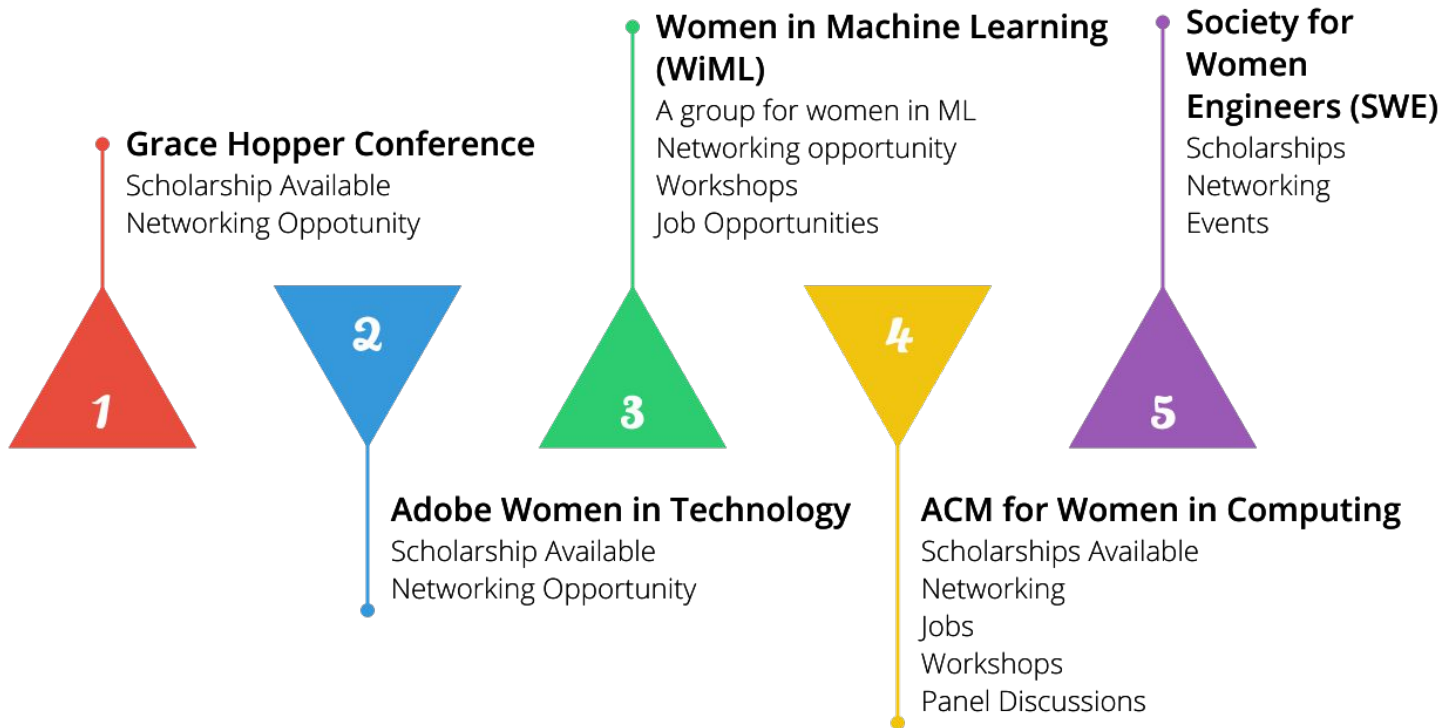
## ***Got a job offer***

By Feb, I had a job offer in hand from eBay.

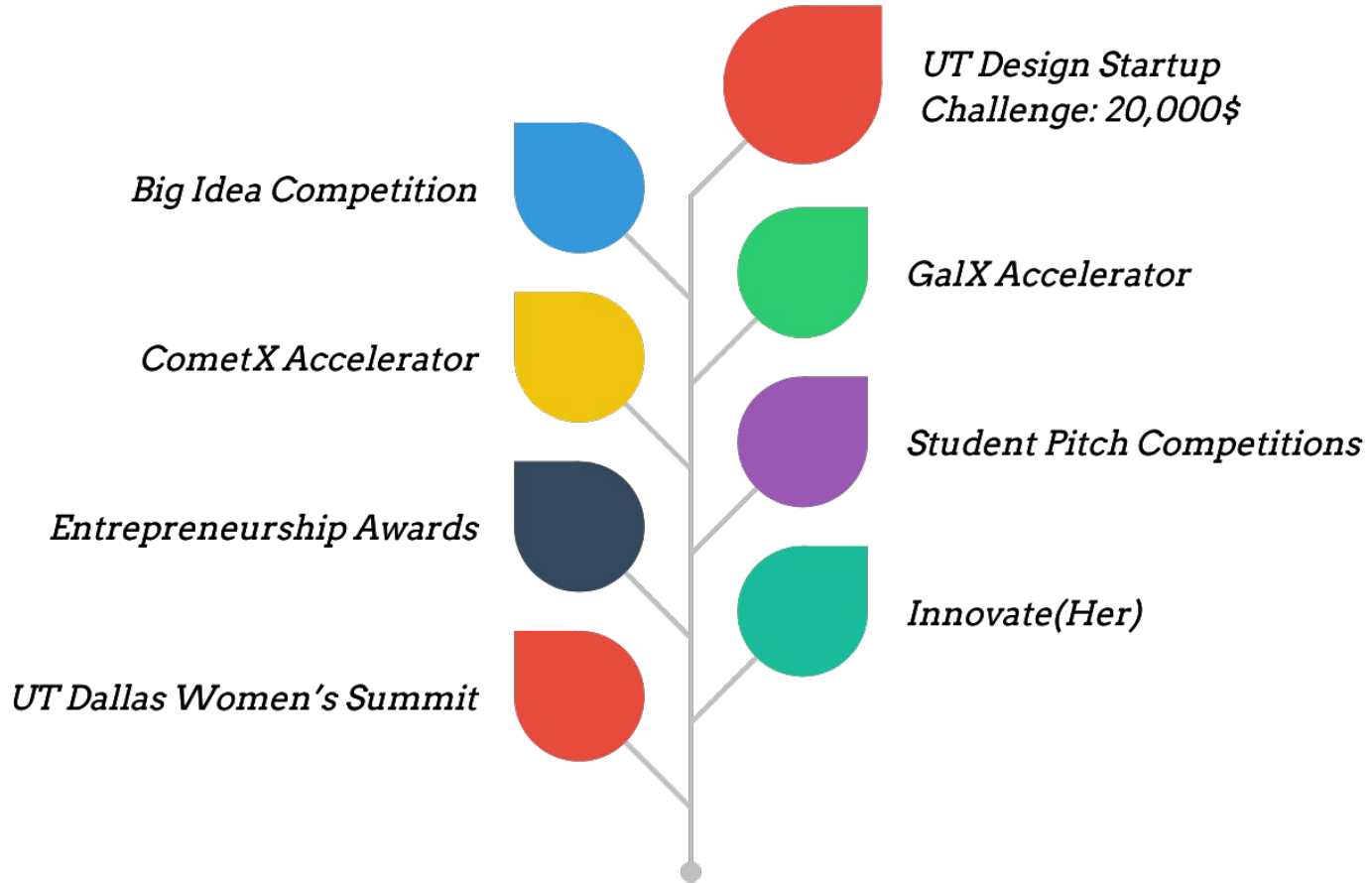


*What are the opportunities that you can take advantage of?*

# Women Centric Opportunities



# Opportunities@UTD



*What about fellowships?*

# Scholarships & Fellowships

Around the globe



Bill Melinda Gates  
Fellowship



Data Science for Social  
Good (DSSG) fellowship



Google Anita Borg  
Memorial Scholarship



Stanford Knight-  
Hennessy Scholarship



Rhodes Scholarship

*Challenges? Competitions?*

# *Competitions, Challenges!*

Google Tech  
Challenge

Yelp's  
Challenge

Microsoft  
Student  
Partner  
Program  
event!

MIT Solve  
Challenge

CISCO Global  
Solver  
Challenge

Facebook Data  
Challenge

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Thank you!



*Any Questions?*

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