

Useful Resources

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Introduction

Below is a list of resources you might find useful to navigate graduate school, and in particular the Econ Ph.D. Many of the resources below I first encountered in this list, which also has a lot more useful resources for every stage of your career as an economist.

1 Researching

Isaiah Berlin, “The Hedgehog and the Fox”, 1953

Axel Leijonhufvud, “Life Among the Econ,” *Economic Inquiry* 11, no. 3 (September 1, 1973): 327–37

Ariel Rubinstein, “10 Q&A: Experienced Advice for “Lost” Graduate Students in Economics”.

Amy Finkelstein, “An unofficial guide to trying to do empirical work”, 2017

Hal R. Varian, “Big Data: New Tricks for Econometrics,” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 28, no. 2 (May 2014): 3–28.

2 Presenting

Adam Guren, “How To Give a Lunch Talk”

Jesse Shapiro, “How to give an applied micro talk” (applies equally well for applied macro talks).

David Levine, “David Levine’s Cheap Advice for Presenting Results”

Tim Kehoe, “Tips on Preparing for the Workshop”, May 2001

Goldstein and Evans, “Making a short presentation based on your research: 11 tips”, 2016

Matthew O. Jackson, “Notes on Presenting a Paper”, Fall 1998

3 Writing

Claudia Goldin and Lawrence Katz, “The Ten Most Important Rules of Writing Your Job Market Paper.”

John Cochrane, “Writing Tips”.

David Levine, “David Levine’s Cheap Advice for Writing a Dissertation”

4 Graphing

Novartis, “Graphics Principles - Cheat Sheet V1.0”

5 Coding

Matthew Gentzkow and Jesse M. Shapiro, “Code and Data for the Social Sciences: A Practitioner’s Guide”

Michael Ernst, “Version control concepts and best practices.”

Benjamin S. Skrainka, “Enhance Your Productivity and Software Quality with Techniques from Silicon Valley”