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My CV might suggest only successes. And the broader culture of academia might suggest this of graduate students and academics broadly. Here's to correcting that image.

*Partial list of failures. Does not include opportunities I was too insecure to apply to – shoot your shot!

Degree programs I didn't get into

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| 2018 | PhD program in Psychology, Department of Psychology University of Michigan • I was waitlisted so I don't know how it would have actually shaken out. At some point while waiting, I realized my mind was made up already for elsewhere. |
| 2018 | MA program in Psychology, Department of Psychology University of British Columbia |
| 2018 | PhD program in Psychology, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences PhD program in Cognitive Science, Cognitive Science Program Indiana University Bloomington |
| 2014 | Bachelor of Arts, Harvard University • I didn't actually like the school and only applied because of parental pressure, so I felt a strange sense of relief from this failure. |
| 2014 | Bachelor of Arts, Yale University • In contrast, I actually did like Yale, so this was disappointing to hear. |

Honors & awards I didn't receive

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| 2021 | Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship , Stanford University |
| 2018, 2020 | Graduate Research Fellowship Award (x2), National Science Foundation • One epic all-nighter didn't manage it senior year of undergrad, and listening to unfortunate advice about page margins sunk my chances in grad school. I probably learned the most from this failure: good friends will support you <i>especially</i> when you face failure, and even though it might not feel like it in the moment, life does go on. |
| 2017 | Beinecke Scholarship |
| 2017 | Goldwater Scholarship |
| 2016 | Critical Language Scholarship (CLS), U.S. Department of State |

Research experiences I didn't get into

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| Summer 2016 | Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) Summer Internship Stanford University • I'm a graduate student at Stanford now and participate in the program as a mentor! |
| 2014 | too many labs to recall, Department of Psychology University of Chicago |

- I am perpetually thankful Daniel Casasanto decided to take a chance on first-year me and welcome me to his lab.