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A CV might suggest our path is defined only by 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 rejections starting from college. 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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2022	<a href="#">Dissertation Research Grant</a> , Russell Sage Foundation
2022	<a href="#">Elizabeth Munsterberg Koppitz Child Psychology Graduate Student Fellowship</a> , American Psychological Foundation
2021	<a href="#">Outstanding Research Award</a> , Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
2021	<a href="#">Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship</a> , Stanford University
2018, 2020	<a href="#">Graduate Research Fellowship Award</a> (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	<a href="#">Liew Family College Research Grant</a> , Career Advancement, The University of Chicago
2017	<a href="#">Beinecke Scholarship</a>
2017	<a href="#">Goldwater Scholarship</a>
2017	PRISM Research Grant, Career Advancement, The University of Chicago
2017	UCISTEM Summer Research Grant, Career Advancement, The University of Chicago

2016 Summer Action Grant, Career Advancement, The University of Chicago  
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 often coordinate this program & 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.