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My CV might suggest that my path has been nothing but successes. And the broader culture of academia might suggest that this of graduate students and academics broadly. Here's to correcting that mythical image.

\*Partial list of failures. Does not include opportunities I was too scared or disorganized to apply to.

## 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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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	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	<a href="#">Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) Summer Internship</a> 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.