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Why did you choose Purdue?

I have wanted to come to Purdue since I was a little kid. I toured Purdue with my older brother when he was doing college tours, and just felt at home. I applied early admission to Purdue for undergrad and was incredibly excited when I was accepted. I found my home here, with mentors and a department that truly care about me and want me to succeed, so I decided to stay for a graduate program, one of the best decisions I ever made.

Please briefly describe your research:

My research is on the impact of nutrition in infancy and early childhood on obesity and temperament related risks. I am specifically interested in the impact of parents, and the decision-making process for how and why they offer their children certain foods.

Where do you spend most of your time on campus?

In my lab! I work in a computer lab/office, so I have my own space that I decorated and put my own touches on. Usually when I'm not in classes or teaching, I'm in my lab/office even if I'm not working on lab tasks. I share space with a few other graduate students who are my best friends, so I like being there just to hangout even if I don't have specific tasks to do. I also find that if I am just in my office, I will be more productive.



What was your process for selecting a graduate school?

I looked at the faculty lists at many schools and looked to see if anyone was doing the type of research I was interested in. Once I had a list of faculty, I used an Excel document to write out other details of the school, such as "safe campus" or "free parking" etc. That helped me narrow schools down because I had some non-negotiables for things I was looking for in a school. Once I had that smaller list, I reached out to those faculty members about my interest in their work, and asked if they were interested in taking students. From there I was able to meet with professors to see if the school/department/program was a good fit for me.

What are you hoping to do after your life at Purdue?

I am hoping to go on to a post-doctoral fellowship in early childhood nutrition! My end-goal is to eventually join a faculty at a university and continue my research.

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

PURDUE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Agricultural Economics
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication
Agronomy
Animal Sciences
Biochemistry
Botany and Plant Pathology
Entomology
Food Science
Forestry and Natural Resources
Horticulture

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction
Educational Studies

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Aeronautics and Astronautics
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Engineering Education
Engineering Management
Environmental and Ecological Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Interdisciplinary Engineering
Materials Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Nuclear Engineering

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

Defense Engineering and Technology
Biomedical Sciences
Ecological Sciences and Engineering
Information Security
Life Science

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Consumer Science
Health and Kinesiology
Health Sciences
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Human Development and Family Studies
Nursing
Nutrition
Psychological Sciences
Public Health
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

American Studies
Anthropology
Art
Communication
Comparative Literature
Design
English
History
Languages and Cultures
Linguistics
Philosophy
Political Sciences
Sociology
Theatre

KRANNERT SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Business Analytics and Information Management
Economics
Finance
Global Supply Chain Management
Management
Marketing
Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Industrial and Physical Pharmacy
Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology
Pharmacy Practice

PURDUE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

Aviation Technology and Management
Computer and Information Technology
Computer Graphics Technology
Construction Management Technology
Engineering Technology
Technology
Technology, Leadership, and Innovation

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Biological Sciences
Chemistry
Computer Science
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences
Mathematics
Physics
Statistics

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Basic Medical Sciences
Comparative Pathobiology
Veterinary Clinical Sciences

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