Being a researcher at the graduate level is a very rewarding and exciting experience – you have the opportunity to explore fascinating ideas that interest YOU, while being surrounded by other passionate and intelligent students with similar aspirations to yourself. While there are certainly many different ways to begin preparing for graduate school, my strongest advice would be to start by helping out in a research lab as soon as you can. No matter how inexperienced you are there will always be something you can do, and something useful you can learn. You may not yet have even decided which area of study you want to pursue as a graduate student, but there are many important skills you can acquire in one lab that will be just as valued in others. In addition, getting to know the faculty in TCU’s psychology department is an excellent way to start learning about different areas of research and discovering what topics appeal to you most. Having guidance during the application process is critical, and building these connections early will give you more time to prepare and do everything you can to work toward your goals. So keep asking questions, and good luck!

**Publications**


**Conferences**


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**Grants**


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Please contact me if you are a transfer student and still need to enroll in Fall 2015 courses.