

CS 7123 Research Seminar

Due Date: check learn.utsa.edu

Mini-Assignment 1: Why a Ph.D.? (source: <http://greatresearch.org>)

Why?: The purpose of this assignment is to encourage you to write down your current goals for getting a Ph.D. Putting your thoughts down on paper will help you think clearly about the “big picture” reasons that you are here. During the course of graduate school, you may want to revisit these “macro” goals to see whether you are making progress towards achieving them.

What?: Here are some sample questions that you can consider. when writing a response, don't just give general ideas/facts but also discuss how they are related to your goals etc.

- why are you doing the Ph.D.? (1-2 paragraphs)
- what do you think the process of doing research involves? (1-2 paragraphs)
- whose research do you find most inspiring and why?
- what research result(s) do you find most interesting?

If this is your first exposure to research, you may have a difficult time answering the latter questions, but now is a very good time to start seeking out examples of research (and researchers) that you value. This process will begin the process of developing research “taste” which you will continue to refine throughout your research career.

After this assignment you are expected to Learn Latex, bibtex and some related tools to write your essays/papers....

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