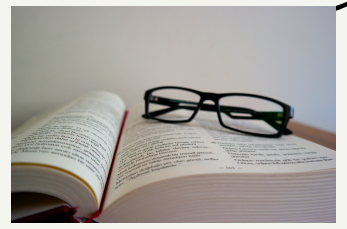
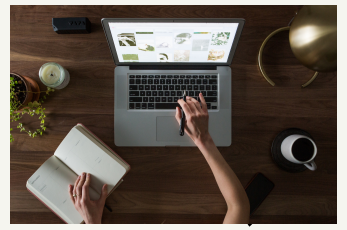


# 11 Suggestions to Guide Decision-Making: Should You Get a Master's or a Doctoral Degree?

1. Do not get a degree because you want to earn more money; do it because you want to acquire more knowledge! How much does it mean to you earn the skill and knowledge?



2. Networking is one of the biggest benefits of enrolling in degree programs, especially in higher education. Is it important to you to build a strong network of professionals?



3. A doctoral degree program will help you with personal growth and development if you are open to learning and changing as a leader.



4. You build a reputation for yourself when you complete a grueling and difficult program in higher education. Is that important for you moving forward in your career?



5. To pursue a graduate degree, you must enjoy research and discovery.



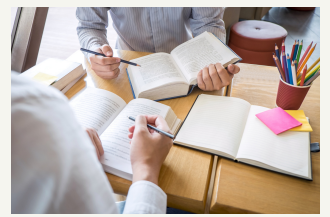
6. Pursue a graduate degree, especially a doctoral degree, if you want to be a change-maker.



7. When deciding whether to pursue a graduate degree, keep in mind that experience in the field should accompany the degree.



8. Depending on your field of study, you may be overqualified for positions in certain careers or professions.



9. Know why you are trying to get a master's or doctoral degree – write down your reasons and number them from most important reason to least important reason.



10. You can inspire others through your actions and help younger generations see you as a role model if you earn a master's degree or doctoral degree.



11. There might be other opportunities awaiting you after you earn a doctoral degree – opportunities you might not have thought of previously.

