

Episode 27 – Happy 2025! A Preview of Grad-post Episodes for Spring 2025

Happy 2025 and welcome back to Grad-post! I'm your host, Brian S. Mitchell and we're here to talk about life before, during, and after graduate school, and whether an advanced degree is right for you. I'll draw upon my experiences as a graduate dean and research mentor, as well as my network of students, colleagues, and experts to bring you the most complete information on graduate education that I can.

The first part of Season 2 we focused primarily on grad school applications. Well, those should all be done by now and you'll soon start receiving offers of admission, hopefully to your programs of choice! Those episodes are archived for future admissions cycles and will be updated as necessary so you and your friends can continue to use them. But I thought we'd continue with some episodes dedicated to those of you applying to graduate school for the first time. Don't worry! There will be other content for those of you currently in graduate school and those of you who work in the field of graduate education. More on those episodes in a moment.

But first, let's preview what's coming in the next few weeks. I'll start off with an episode about considering those offers as they roll in. Is your stipend offer competitive? Should you request a campus visit if one is not offered? What other things should you consider as part of your offer of admission? What is this April 15th resolution you keep hearing about, anyway? I'll follow that up with a fantastic interview I recorded with immigration attorney Kathleen Gasparian on how to manage the immigration process for you first-time international students. We'll then move on topics like housing, relocation, and whether a bridge program is right for you.

For you underclassmen thinking about grad school in the future I'll talk a little bit about Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REUs) and for those of you in graduate school, I'll be releasing an episode on qualifying exams. I'm preparing an episode with a more international perspective on advanced degrees since the list of countries offering them continues to grow and there really are some quality programs outside the US and Canada. I have ideas for episodes on graduate student unionization, analysis of international enrollment reports, and the National Name Exchange. And of course, there's always an interview or two to break things up a bit. Those are my favorite ones!

Keep an ear out for those Bonus Episodes, especially in this year of potential rapid and dramatic change. Topics like immigration law, student loans, DEI, and job prospects in a changing economy could all require a rapid response. I'm ready to put down some updated information and get it to you quickly!

Thank you for joining me today and to my loyal listeners. Your numbers are growing! All the links provided in my podcast are available on grad-post.com. There you'll find additional resources and information to help you plan your adventure for an advanced degree.

Make every year and every degree count!