This 5-part workshop is designed to introduce Viterbi undergraduates to the purpose of pursuing a PhD, and aid in their PhD application process. All Viterbi majors are invited to attend one or more workshops.

**PhD Programs**
This seminar will review what are the requirements to get into a PhD program, what you can do to improve your chance, and what exactly goes on during a PhD. I will also have a couple of my first year PhD students talk about their experiences during the admission process.

**GRE Preparation**
As the GRE is taken by everyone applying to graduate school, not just engineers and scientists, the GRE does not require advanced math or verbal skills, so it is very similar to the SAT. We will take a practice GRE and score it.

**Choosing a School/Advisor**
Unlike choosing a school for undergraduate where the school ranking can be a significant factor, for graduate school, the research topic and advisor should be the primary consideration. This is followed by other factors including school ranking. We will discuss how to determine which areas of research interest you and how to find professors in those areas.

**Writing a Personal Statement**
One of the key parts of your graduate school application is your personal statement. We will review the do’s and don’ts of writing a personal statement, and review the critical points which you need to make sure to address in your statement.

**Preparing a CV**
Your CV will be requested for many, if not all, applications. Often, admissions committees start with the CV and use it as the “cut off”. Therefore, it is very important to make sure that your CV contains all of the information, but is also easy to read. We will discuss some of the common mistakes, using before/after examples. We will also go over what you should and should not include on your CV.