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**University of Texas #6**
- Austin, Texas
- Cost of living: $$$
- Lots of family in/near Austin

**Texas A&M #11**
- College Station, Texas
- Cost of living: $
- All family ~ 2-4 hours away (minimum)
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FREE FOOD!!!
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But...likely required to attend literally all family functions
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- **FULL fellowship offered:** scholarship, funded project, and cost of living
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Who should I work with?

Find a professor in the area that interests you
Experimental work in geotechnical engineering

Soils Laboratory

In-Situ Testing

Geophysics

Lab Rat

Field Mouse

Fruit Bat
Who should I work with?

Food for thought...
• Read their technical papers
• Visit with them
• Take one of their classes
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What should I study?

- Funded research projects are often very specific

- Decide the “who” and this may help the “what”
what should I do WHEN I get there?
Enjoy your new classes
Enjoy your new friends
Enjoy your new home
what should I do **WHEN** I get there?
So, you want to go to graduate school... **GET EXCITED!**