Applying to GALCIT
An unofficial guide by grad students

General Tips

1. **Online application form**
   - For some schools, you may be interviewed over video chat if you make it to the next round.
   - Don't forget to consider faculty outside of GALCIT!
   - For the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP) and the Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP), feel free to reach out to people.

2. **Who to ask?**
   - DON'T ask for letters of recommendation (or at least strongly reconsider) from professors who don't know you well (even if you got an A in the course).
   - Be sure to ask for letters of recommendation from professors who you might want to work with if you get into the program.
   - Start getting materials together, as some schools might ask for one when writing other applications.
   - If you have extenuating circumstances that might explain other parts of your application, consider mentioning them in your statement.
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3. **Letters of recommendation**
   - Be overly flowery
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   - Name drop professors who you might want to work with
   - Date your letters.
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4. **Fellowship applications**
   - Make sure you understand what the fellowship entails.
   - The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG) are great opportunities.
   - For more tips on applying to the NSF GRFP, check out these instructions from Caltech. In case of a discrepancy, always follow the official instructions.
   - This is an unofficial document. Please refer to the following webpages for official instructions.
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5. **Final application timeline**
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6. **Neurodiversity: Pitch an application!**
   - Start early
   - Start working on a specific school, as long as you can get your applications in before the deadline
   - Submit your score
   - Don't add much useful info

7. **After submitting applications**
   - Try not to stress
   - Focus on the present

FINISH!

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**Graduate Aerospace Laboratories at Caltech**

GALCIT is an official graduate program at Caltech that focuses on the study of aerospace engineering. The program is known for its close collaboration with NASA, JPL, and other aerospace organizations.

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**What you need to apply to GALCIT**

- Online application form
- Letters of recommendation
- Transcripts
- Personal statement
- GRE scores
- TOEFL scores

**Application timeline**

**What to do and when to do it**

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