Want to go to grad school?

Yes, or I'm considering...

Do you have a specific career goal in mind?

Yes!

Then it's time to start researching schools and apply!

Consider: Throwing in Grad School

Yes!

Consider applying through the AGU Bridge program

No

I'm still exploring fields

Not sure

Will you need an advanced degree?

Yes!

Consider:
- Job application timeline
- Security clearance
- GS-pay scale
- Federal research may require PhD

Yes!

No

Energy and industry

What sector?

Government

Education

Gaining experience

A gap year is a great way to gain experience and explore different career fields!

I'm still exploring fields

Not sure

Have an idea, but still exploring pathways/goals

Certifications:
- Good for technical skills or jobs requiring federal regulations knowledge
  - GIS, OSHA, Programming, etc.

Networking/job experience:
- Good for any sector, find networking tips here
- Some employers may fund grad school, explore available benefits offered by potential employers
- Build professional connections, explore mentoring opportunities through AGU's Mentoring365

Research and Internships:
- Good for grad school preparation or attaining federal positions
- Explore additional opportunities here
- Many research opportunities in many different sectors

Learn more with these resources:
- Geoscience Resources on Opportunities in the Workforce (GROW)
- AGI Career Compass
- Find out more about workforce trends for geoscience graduates with AGI's workforce data
- Check out the annual Career Issue in Eos to read about pathways through Earth and space sciences
- Pathways to Science, explore funded STEM programs

No, I think I need to build my resume more.
For more info about CV building, click here.

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Do you feel ready to apply?

Yes!