

Partial List of Skills Acquired During A Typical UC(SD) Graduate Education

Research /Analytical Skills

- Ability to locate and assimilate new information rapidly
- Ability to break-down and understand complex content
- Ability to think on one's feet
- Ability to reach and defend independent conclusions
- Problem-solving tools and experience
- Intellectual maturity

Communication Skills

- Ability to convey complex information to non-expert audiences
- Ability to write at all levels: brief abstracts to book-length manuscripts
- Editing and proofreading
- Ability to speak before large groups

Interactive Personal Skills

- Persuasion
- Leadership
- Ability to cope with and manage complicated personalities
- Ability to thrive in a competitive environment
- Ability to navigate complex bureaucratic environments

Entrepreneurial Skills

- Ability to work independently and in self-directed manner
- Ability to acquire funding and write successful grant proposals
- **What it Takes to Advance to Candidacy**
- Exceptional intellectual horsepower
- Track record of achievement
- Ability to perform under pressure
- Ability to learn and adapt at a high level
- Ability to meet high expectations

What it Takes to Finish

- Focus, Tenacity, Stamina, Discipline
- The ability to close the deal

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