

Should You Do A PhD?

The Ultimate Guide



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Preface

So, you're thinking about doing a PhD.

To make up your mind, the question that you really need to answer is, is it worth it?

Some people absolutely love doing their PhDs, while others hate every minute of them.

What's the difference between those who love their PhDs and those who hate them?

To a large extent, it has everything to do with their initial decision about doing one. Those who love doing their PhDs are usually more informed about

the process, and what a PhD is before they've made their decision to do one.

On the other hand, those who hate their PhDs are often poorly-informed when they decided to do one.

To answer that all important question, whether you should do a PhD or not, we have to cover a few different topics. These topics include:

- What a PhD is
- The benefits of having a PhD
- The problems with having a PhD
- The enjoyable things during your PhD
- The problems that often arise during your PhD
- What life's like with a PhD

We'll first visit what a PhD is because, believe it or not, many people who decide to do a PhD don't know what it exactly is, beforehand.

We then move onto the benefits and problems of having a PhD – in other words, what you can expect to get after you've finished your PhD.

Next, we'll focus on what it's like during your PhD, because while the benefits of having a PhD might be very appealing to you, you might not really enjoy the 4 or 5 or 6 years (or even longer, in some cases) that you have to put in to get it. Understanding what it'll be like during your PhD puts you in a good position to decide whether you'll be willing to stick it out or not.

Finally, we move onto what life's like with a PhD. It might seem like a funny and strange topic, but many people have all these different preconceived

ideas about how they'll feel once they've got their PhD and what their life will be like. For some, their ideas are spot on, but for others, their preconceived ideas are way off.

After we've covered all of these areas, you'll be able to make a well-informed and good decision about whether a PhD is for you or not.

Note, this book is written in an open and plain way. Nothing is hidden. There's no beating around the bush, or ignoring "elephants in the room". For example, if you ask any PhD student why they decided to do a PhD, almost all of them will give you any reason they can think of except the one reason that we're all thinking – to get the title Dr. in front of their name. Many might argue that it was primarily to do the research. But in most cases, that's not really true – they could've taken many other jobs to do that kind of research. So, in reality,

that title, Dr., plays a much greater factor in the decision-making process than many are willing to admit.

And that's what this book is about, giving you the information that most people won't give you because they feel embarrassed to admit certain things. But don't worry, it takes a lot for me to get embarrassed, which is beneficial for you because you get to hear everything that no one says, but still thinks nonetheless.

So take this book, read it, enjoy the openness and honesty, and use the information to make your decision about whether you should do a PhD or not.

A little about me, John Hockey. First, I have a PhD, and I've had one for many years now. After getting my PhD, I went into academia and have spent about 15 years there. Some of it has been great, other

parts haven't been. I've had my own PhD students (and still continue to have them), but I've also branched out into developing PhD programs around the world – streamlining some, overhauling others, and improving the PhD process so that the PhD students benefit greatly from it. I can't remember how many PhD students I've interacted with during the process, perhaps 10,000 maybe 15,000. As I said, I really can't remember.

So, enjoy the book and reap the benefits of the knowledge I'm giving you from my experience, not only having been a PhD student, and now and a PhD holder, but also from all those interactions I've had with PhD students.

Let's begin.

*Buy the book and read the rest of the book to make
your decision easy!*

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- **Maximize your chances of passing**
- **Boost your mental health**
- **Ensure that your supervisor doesn’t try to hold you back**

- **Build a source of motivation and crush procrastination**
- **Enjoy your PhD**

PhDs don't have to taxing or grueling. Use what others have learnt to make your PhD easy. Don't reinvent the wheel!

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