

Graduate School

After graduation this May, I plan to attend graduate school. The only school that I will be applying to is here at the University of Arkansas. The reason that I am only applying to Arkansas is because I am currently working in Dr. Jia Di's research lab as an undergraduate research assistant, and he has given me the opportunity to continue working under him as I complete graduate school. This opportunity was presented to me after the Fall 2021 semester, after taking Dr. Jia Di's System Synthesis and Design class. Since I already have this opportunity, enjoy working for Dr. Jia Di, and have great interest in the area I am currently doing research in, I have not looked at other schools or participated in other activities to find other options for postgraduation. For Arkansas, I will only need to take the GRE. I have already taken the GRE once and my scores were above the minimum required by the graduate school here. I do plan to take it one more time before the semester is over to boost my scores, so I have a chance at either the DDF or DAF.

The current research I do is about asynchronous IC design. For the past 10 months, I have worked on two different projects in Dr. Jia Di's lab related to this research area. Prior to joining Dr. Jia Di's lab, I had very little experience in this area. During my time working, my interest has grown exponentially in this research area. My work mainly revolves around transistor and gate level design for IC chips. After graduate school, I would like to work in industry, whether that be working at a national science lab or for a company like Intel or IBM.