

Personal Statement Autumn Rodriguez

After graduation I have every intention to further my education in Biological Sciences. I want to begin work as soon as I graduate with my Bachelors. I want to work with a research lab because this is where most of my interest is. I enjoy doing hands-on work and being involved, this is how I learn best.

I know working within a lab will help me to gain more experience and knowledge. As well it will help to lead me to what I want to do in the field for my long term career. Working with others that have more experience will offer great guidance to what I should do next in my career. As of now my interest is forensic science. Although there are so many things you can do with Biology I would like to get more involved before making that impactful choice.

I know for my long term career the biggest importance to me is my impact. I want to choose a career that is going to impact the world around us positively. I want to be knowledgeable, experienced, and passionate in my field. I want to help people whether that be through a more medical focus, criminal science, or even environmental focus. Throughout my life I have found an interest in true crime. This is what leads me to lean into forensic science. The idea of helping lead people to answers that they could have been trying to get for years seems exciting to me. I feel a forensic science job would give me a sense of purpose and fulfillment.

Although the steps into building a career in forensics I'm a bit lost on. I know getting a Biology Bachelors is most likely a good start but as far as what to do after that I'm not sure. It creates a bit of anxiety to think of life after graduation. I, as most of us do, have a personal life and financial needs that have to be taken care of after school. What kind of career I can attain to afford that right after getting my bachelors concerns me. I am truly hopeful that working with a research lab is attainable for me after graduation and will be enough income to keep my family and I afloat as I pursue graduate school.

I am sure an answer will come to me soon. Many others are able to figure out how to keep afloat in graduate school and I know I can too. I know I am a hard worker and determined to achieve my goals. I am not afraid to work endless hours to pursue a beneficial career to society. Overall I am excited to see where my career will take me in life and I have feelings I am on the right path.