

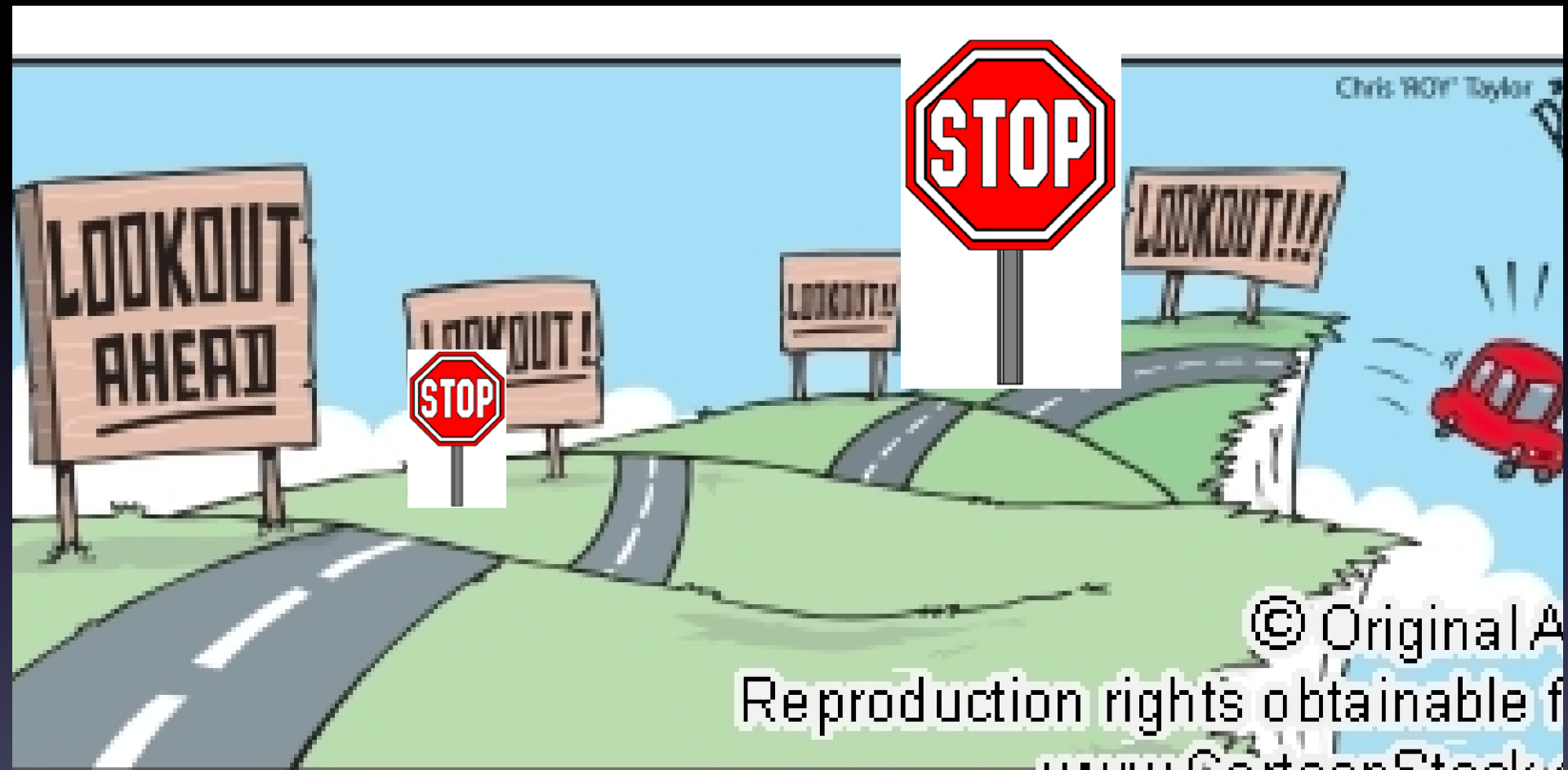
Preparing your residency application

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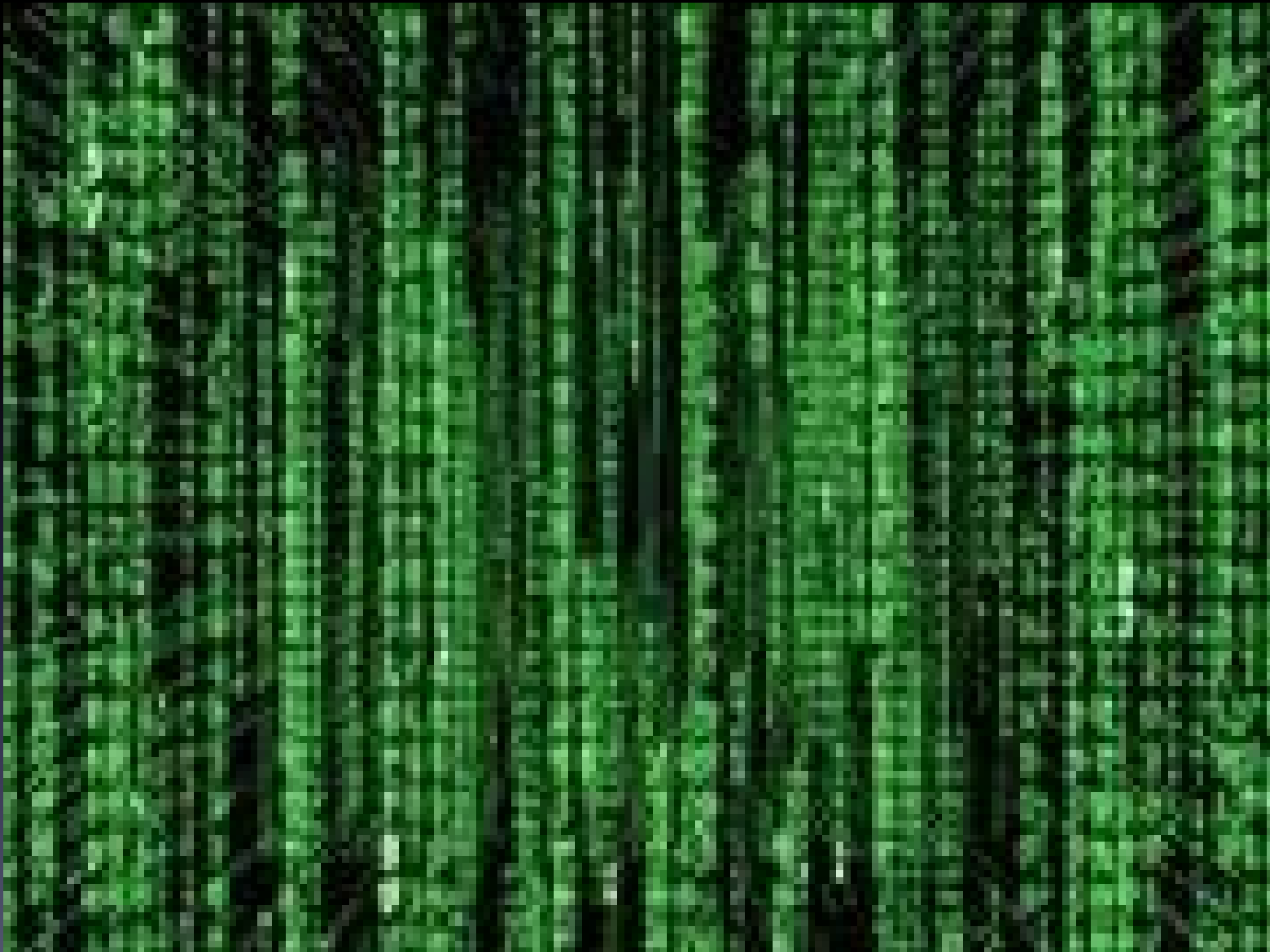
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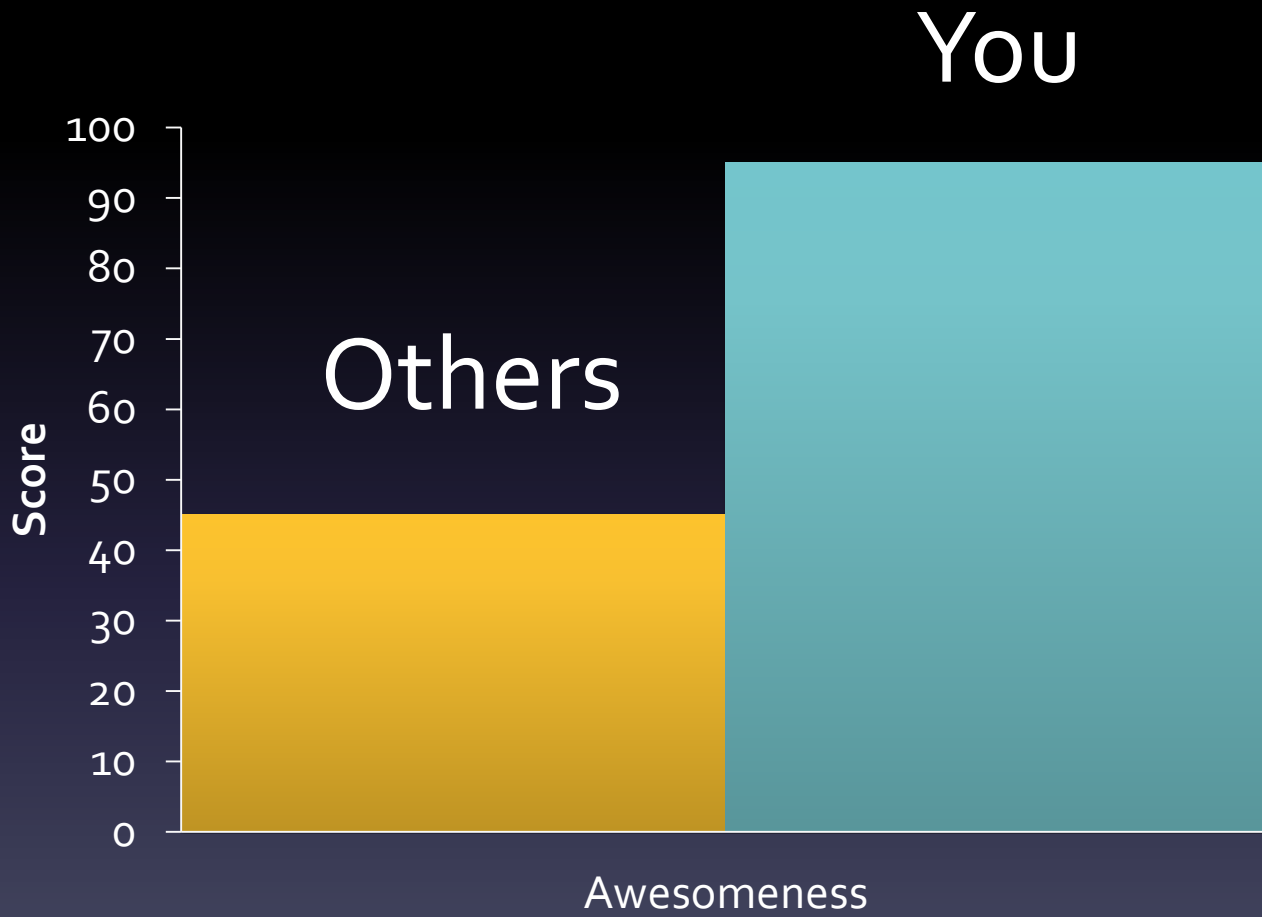
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Major Components of Application

- Curriculum Vitae
- Cover Letter/Letter of Intent
- Transcripts
- Letters of reference

Curriculum Vitae

- Work experience
 - Pharmacy or non-pharmacy
- Advance Pharmacy Practice Experiences
 - Acute care experiences
- Academic track record
 - Publications, abstracts, honors distinction, research experience
- Leadership experience
 - Organizations, awards
 - Be able to describe your role
- Other skills/talents
 - Extracurricular activity
- Certifications/Licensure

Letter of Intent

- Introductory paragraph
 - What position are you applying for?
 - Why are you interested?
- Body
 - What makes you the ideal candidate?
 - Describe achievements/accomplishments that support above
- Final paragraph
 - Reinforce interest
 - Thank reader for consideration

Letter of Intent Tips

- Tell a story (be memorable)
- Be concise
- Communicate what you are looking for in a program
 - ie: academic, community, diverse or unique specialties
- Demonstrate knowledge of program – be specific
- Avoid silly errors
 - e.g.: spelling, wrong program director name or title

Transcripts

- Make sure you can explain UC San Diego's grading system
- Speak to how this system makes you a better candidate
- Highlight honors received in this system

Letters of Reference

- A good letter may or may not help you, but a bad letter will hurt you
- Know who you are asking
- Writer should know you well
- Letters should be diverse, demonstrate relationships built in the academic, work and clinical settings
- Pharmacy is a small world

Start Networking



Potential PHORCAS Traps

Advantages

- One online submission
- Electronic tracking
- **Ability to standardize content**
- No more ancillary fees for copies, paper or mail???

Disadvantages

- One online submission
- Electronic tracking
- **Ability to standardize content**
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Next Steps

- Continue networking
- Formulate list of programs
- Start asking for letter writers
- Finalize CV
- Begin letter of intent
- Register for NMS and PhORCAS