Partial List of (Transferable) Skills Acquired During A Typical Brandeis 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