



Graduate School Applications



Thinking about graduate school? Keeping track of all the details can be a challenge. Below is a list of factors to consider in the process.

Type of graduate program

- What type of degree do you plan to pursue?
- What field(s) of study are you considering?

Preferences/Priorities

- What is important to you? Consider factors such as location, class size, curriculum, goal of program (what are graduates trained to do), length of program, but also any personal priorities that may impact your choices.

Schools/Programs

- Be sure to research a range of programs, so that you have top tier, middle tier, and bottom tier options among your choices.

Letters

- Who will write your letters of reference?
- What is their role in relation to you? What could they address to support your application?
- What letters are required for your applications?

Activities (consider student organizations, honors/awards, research, work, volunteering, etc.)

- What was your role/title?
- What was the name of the organization/activity?
- What was the span of time you were involved in this activity?
- What contact information do you have for this activity?
- What did you do?
- How does this activity relate to your preparation for graduate study?

Admissions Tests

- Which test(s) do you need?
- Which schools require this/these test(s)?
- Are there any funding applications (scholarships, fellowships, etc.) that require this/these test(s)?

Additional materials/requirements

APPLICATION TIPS

- Utilize The Career Center for appointments, graduate school preparation workshops, personal statement reviews, mock interviews, resume/CV reviews, and the Graduate and Professional School Fair to network with admissions officers
- Research programs using official sources
- Research financial aid and alternative funding options
- Visit schools of interest
- Study, register, and take required admissions tests
- Write personal statement and have it reviewed by The Career Center
- Ask faculty members for letters of recommendation in a timely manner
- Complete and mail application materials prior to deadlines (If a school uses rolling admissions, apply closer to when the application opens, NOT the deadlines.)

