

Thoughts to ponder when considering Graduate/Professional School

Selection of institution or program

- What degree options are available?
- What are the specific degree requirements?
- How many hours are required for completion of the degree?
- Are graduate assistantships available, and what is the application process?
- What are the admission requirements?

Financial aid, tuition and housing

- What will be the total cost of each semester?
- What are the instate residency requirements for tuition purposes?
- What fellowships or assistantships can I apply for?
- When are the financial aid deadlines?
- What types of on-campus and off-campus housing are available and what are the projected costs?

Admission procedures

- When are the admission deadlines?
- Which standardized tests are required and what are the deadlines?
- What are other application requirements?
- Are campus interviews required?
- What are the criteria used for admission?
- When will I know if I've been accepted?
- Are letters of reference required?

Personal considerations

- What are the benefits of a graduate degree?
- Is a graduate degree necessary to achieve my career goals?
- Do I have particular areas of research interest?
- What are my plans after graduate school?
- Will the benefits of graduate education exceed the expenses?
- Am I a legitimate candidate to be accepted?
- Do I have a second option in case I am not accepted into the graduate program of my choice?