



QUESTIONS TO ASK REGARDING GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Can you tell me about your programs?
- What are your admission requirements?
- What do you look for when considering a candidate for admission to a program?
- Do you require a graduate school entrance exam (GRE, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT)?
- Do you require a subject test (for GRE only)?
- Do you have a minimum requirement for GPA? What is the average GPA for admission?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of going to graduate school immediately following college? What are the advantages and disadvantages of waiting and working in the interim?
- Can you describe what type of student does well in your program?
- Are there any particular disciplines, research or areas the faculty is involved in (i.e. geriatric psychology, molecular biology)?
- Are there opportunities for assistantships? If so what type are available and what are the criteria for applying and acceptance?
- How do most students fund their studies here? Is financial aid available and if so, how would I go about learning about this?
- Is financial aid based on year to year or will it remain constant until attainment of degree?
- What is a typical size class?
- What is the ratio of students to teachers?
- What are the demographics of students in the program (i.e. median age, marital status, race, gender, geographic origin)-are there students similar to me?
- What is the mean time to complete the degree for:
 - Class work
 - Research
 - Thesis
 - Dissertation
- What is the attrition rate? Do you have a policy regarding completion of the program?
- Will I get to develop my own topics and research or will I be expected to assist a professor with her/his research?
- What types of research and or publications have faculty recently completed?
- What are some of the types of jobs graduates typically go into upon completion of the program?
- What can I do to be a strong candidate for this program?