How to apply to graduate school
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Research

• Consult online and print sources
• Attend graduate fairs and conferences
• Plan a visit (in person/virtually)
• Informational interviews
• Affordability
Apply

• Online application.
  • You can request application fee waivers
• Transcripts
• Standardized test score (GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, TOEFL ...)
• Recommendations
• Resume/Research
• Personal Statement/Essays
Writing an application essay

• Relate your past and present experiences to the future: Your past and present work is relevant only if it relates directly to your future plans.

• Elaborate on your qualifications: Emphasize the qualifications you have gained from your experiences; don’t just list the experiences themselves.

• Specifically explain why this institution is the best fit for you: You must show how your professional or research interests match the department’s academic strengths.

• Make sure you use appropriate grammar, and your writing is clear: Have someone proof-read your essay before submitting it.
Apply ... continued

• Portfolio
  • Demonstrate abilities & expertise
  • Illustrate potential & fit for grad program
  • Opportunity for self reflection
• Interview (if required/available)
What Matters

• Relevant Coursework/Good grades
• Prepare for the standardized tests
• Highlight your research experience
• Experiences align with your interests
• Use components of the application to introduce yourself
• Follow application directions
• Apply by the deadline!
Resources

• Writing the Personal Statement - https://www.gograd.org/resources/grad-school-personal-statement/

• Guide for Grad School - https://www.petersons.com/blog/a-guide-for-potential-grad-students-should-you-go-to-graduate-school/

• Salary Information - https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2015/article/should-i-get-a-masters-degree.htm#STEM
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