Graduate School Application Workshop

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Research Experiences For Undergraduates

Who is here?

What year will you be in the fall?

- 1) Sophomore
- 2) Junior
- 3) Senior (but will take an extra year to graduate)
- 4) Senior and will graduate May 2023



Who is here?

- 1) Science/Engineering
- 2) Health
- 3) Arts and Humanities



What are your current plans after graduation?

- 1) Get a job in the region
- 2) Get a job nationally
- 3) Travel
- 4) Graduate School
- 5) I'm not really sure



Why are you doing research this summer?



My biggest piece of Advice:

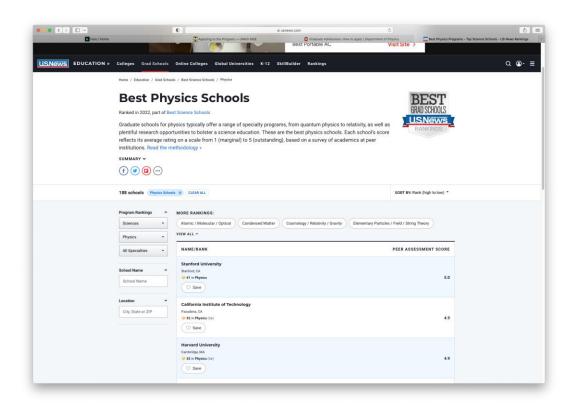
Use your Network!!!



Where to apply?

- Program details and rankings?
- Location?
- Safety schools?

 Masters vs PhD? and Masters on way to Phd?





A typical application

- Basic Application
- Transcript and GPA
- GRE (?)
 - Program specific and many are currently waiving this
- English Language Proficiency
- Personal Statement / Statement of Purpose
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation
- Application Fee



Personal Statement/Statement of Purpose

- Academic Statement of Purpose The Statement of Purpose should be a concise, well-written statement about your academic and research background, your career goals, and how Michigan's graduate program will help you meet your career and educational objectives.
- **Personal Statement** The Personal Statement should contain your background and life experiences, including cultural, geographical, financial, educational or other opportunities or challenges, motivated your decision to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Michigan. For example, if you grew up in a community where educational, cultural, or other opportunities were either especially plentiful or especially lacking, or are undocumented or DACAmented, you might discuss the impact this had on your development and interests. This should be a discussion of the journey that has led to your decision to seek a graduate degree.



Personal Statement/Statement of Purpose

Be sure to read the specific requirements for the school.

 Address any weaknesses in your application here and explain why they are not a negative for your application.

Proofread!!

• Use your Network: Have a mentor read your statement.



Resume

 What do you think we're looking for on the resume?

- Put the things that matter first!
 - Hint, Hint: THIS RESEARCH MATTERS!!!

https://grad.msu.edu/phdcareers/resume-formatting-essentials



Resume Checklist

Header

- ☐ First and Last Name
- ☐ One Working Phone Number
- ☐ Professional E-Mail Address

Work Experience

- ☐ Company Name and Job Title
- ☐ Month and Year of Employment
- ☐ Three to Six Bullet Point Job Description
- ☐ Keywords from the Job Description You're Applying For
- ☐ Written in Third-Person, Past-Tense

Education

- ☐ Required Education Level Highlighted
- ☐ Any Current Certifications That Relate To Employment
- ☐ Anticipated Date of Completion if Necessary

Miscellaneous

- ☐ No Dates Past Ten Years Old
- ☐ Summary Statement That Sells Transferrable Skills
- ☐ Military Service Record
- ☐ Community Involvement

Letters of Recommendation

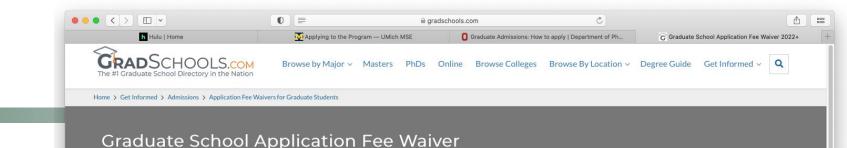
 Who should you choose to write your letters of recommendation?

When should you approach them?

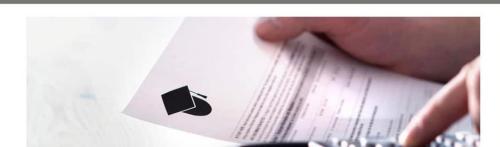
What should you give them?

https://graduate.rice.edu/news/current-news/grad-applications-101-getting-letters-rec





Application Fee Waivers



What is Fee Waiver for Graduate School Application?

Fee waivers for graduate school applications may help you minimize expenses when applying to graduate schools. Nowadays, graduate school fee waiver can range from \$40-\$150 a piece, these fees tend to add up quickly when you plan on applying to many schools. The following tips may help you reduce the overall costs of the application process.

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How to Get Application Fee Waiver for Grad School?

First, carefully consider your options and apply to schools as sparingly as possible. Apply to schools you genuinely want to attend and that you believe might accept you based on the competitiveness of your application. This might seem like a given, but students often times apply for their fourth, fifth, and sixth choice programs when they can likely be accepted into their first, second, or third choices. They also often



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The grad school visit

Talk to current students in the program

Choose an advisor over a program



Questions?



