



GRADUATE SCHOOL

Applying to Graduate Programs in the United States:
Strategies for Success

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I Want to Go to Graduate School. Now What?



SELECT

APPLY

TRANSITION

SELECT

How should I select the right program for me?

- ✓ Grad School Search Sites
 - <http://gradschoolshopper.com/>
 - <http://opticseducation.org/>
 - <http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools.aspx>
- ✓ University/Program Websites
- ✓ Correspondence with Faculty and Graduate Students

What questions should I ask?

- ✓ Reputation/Faculty
- ✓ Research Fit
- ✓ Funding/Cost of Living
- ✓ Location
- ✓ Graduate Student Profile

APPLY

What do I need to do to prepare my application to Graduate School?

- ✓ Application Requirements by Institution
- ✓ Application Fee
- ✓ Hardcopy or Online?
- ✓ Test Scores (GRE General Exam, TOEFL, GRE Subject)
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Statement of Purpose/Goal Statement
- ✓ Transcripts (credential evaluations)
- ✓ Research Portfolio

TRANSITION



What do I do once I've been admitted?

- ✓ Reach out to your International Student Services Office
- ✓ Inquire about visa requirements
- ✓ Consider additional resources needed for bringing family members
- ✓ Explore housing options
- ✓ Correspond with university and department student associations



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