

EXPLORING: Grad School Steps

Thinking about going to graduate school?

Make Sure It Is The Right Choice For You

Start now! It's never too early to start.

Think about **why** you want to go to graduate school.

Decide **when** you want to attend graduate school.

Talk to professionals in your field.

Discuss your thoughts/plans with your career advisor and other mentors.

Do Your Research

Research graduate programs of Miami University alumni working in your field of interest.

Decide your non-negotiables. Everyone has certain criteria that are must-haves (i.e., certain cost, geographical area, GPA requirement that must be the case for you to consider a school, etc.).

Take virtual or in-person **campus tours!**

Create a spreadsheet to **track your research** and applications.

Prepare And Apply

Take your required tests.

Prepare your resume/CV and personal statement.

Ask faculty or other professionals who know you well to **serve as a reference**. Provide them with the necessary information.

Request any necessary transcripts.

Submit your applications!

Start preparing for graduate school interviews.