



GRADUATE SCHOOL SELECTION GUIDE

Applying to graduate school is a big decision that requires a lot of thought and consideration. Use this guide to help you evaluate different graduate schools and decide which programs are right for you based on your individual needs and academic goals.

FINDING PROGRAMS

Graduate school programs tend to be highly specialized and vary greatly across different colleges. Because of this, it is extremely important to do thorough research and find programs to apply to that are a great fit for you. The following resources can be helpful in researching graduate programs:



GRAD SCHOOL MATCH

The site gradschoolmatch.com will take all your criteria (including location, focus, test scores and more) and provide a list of programs that match your criteria.



LINKEDIN

Visit LinkedIn and look up companies and careers that interest you. What graduate programs did individuals who work for these companies and have your career of interest attend? This will give you a good idea of the kinds of programs that will help you get where you want to go.



GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIRS

Every fall, the Fleishman Center hosts a Graduate and Professional Schools Fair. Attend this event to connect with representatives from graduate schools and learn more about different programs and discover new schools you may have not yet considered.



JOURNALS AND PUBLICATIONS

Many scholarly articles and research publications are associated with a university. Look into your field of interest and find articles that sound like research you might want to work on. The schools where this research took place will likely have labs and research programs that will be of great interest to you.



FACULTY

Binghamton faculty are all experts in their fields. Schedule a meeting with a faculty member in your area of interest and talk to them about your academic goals. They will likely know of a few schools or programs that match your interests!

ASSESSING MULTIPLE OFFERS

Once you have applied and heard back from the different schools, it is time to assess the programs you have been accepted to and make a decision on which is the best fit.

MY TOP PROGRAMS

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____



PROGRAM COMPARISON

CRITERIA RANK	A	B	C
EXPENSE (INCLUDING AID)			
LOCATION			
FACILITIES & RESOURCES			
CURRICULUM & FACULTY			
DEMOGRAPHICS & OUTCOMES			
INTERNSHIPS, PRACTICALS & CLINICALS			