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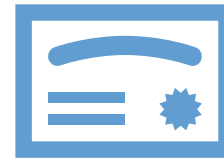
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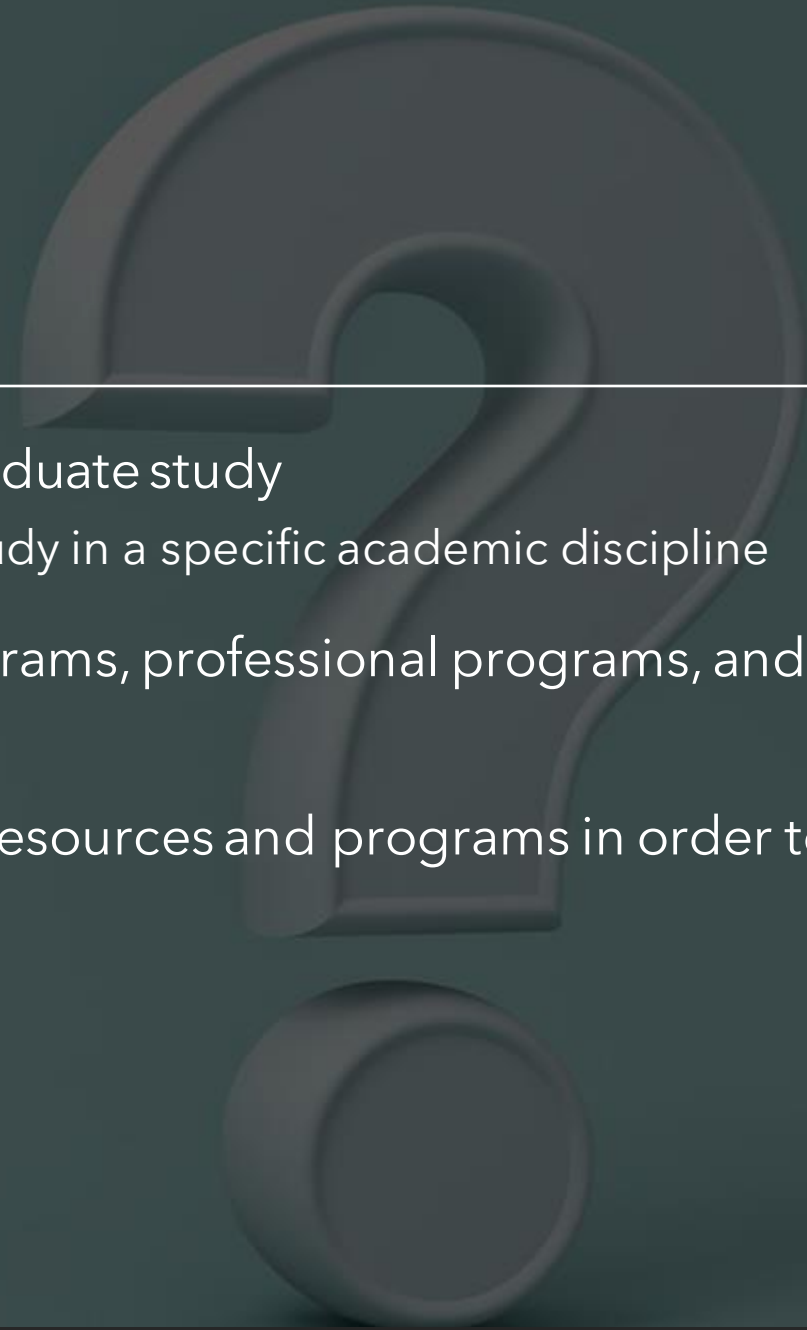
Graduate School

Graduate schools are a form of post-undergraduate study

- The purpose is to further a person's course of study in a specific academic discipline

Graduate programs can include master's programs, professional programs, and doctoral programs

Each graduate school offers a host of unique resources and programs in order to appeal to specific applicants



Graduate School Rates in the US

(Baum & Steele, 2017)

In 2015, 12% of adults 25 and over hold a graduate degree

Earnings for people with advanced degrees are significantly higher than people who only have college degrees

Black college graduates are more likely than any other racial or ethnic group to attend graduate school

- However, they are most likely to enroll in master's programs, which has the lowest earning potential of all graduate degrees

Graduate School Applications

Graduate School Applications are not unlike college applications in their components; however, the standards for acceptance into graduate school is much more rigorous



Graduate School Application Components include:

- Writing Sample
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendations
- Resume/CV
- GRE or other standardized tests
- Transcripts

Changes to Graduate School Applications

As more people have applied to graduate schools, the requirements for admission have changed

- Additionally, the pandemic (and any periods of economic distress) induce higher rates of graduate school applications

Many graduate schools are making the GRE optional or do not require it at all

- 32% of graduate programs at the University of Washington no longer require the GRE (The University of Washington, 2020)

The director of graduate admissions for the Biological and Life Sciences programs at UNC Chapel Hill keeps a running list of science programs that do not require the GRE

- It can be found at:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MYcxZMhf97H5Uxr2Y7XndHn6eEC5oO8XWQi2PU5jLxQ/edit#gid=0>

Understanding "GRExit"



The movement of graduate schools moving away from the GRE has been dubbed "GRExit"

This movement has been pushed by concerns that the GRE does not accurately predict a student's success in graduate school (Hu, 2020)



Further factors pushing schools away from the GRE include:

Concerns about its equity assessing minority and lower-income students
The intense requirements of the new at-home GRE



However, some people view GRExit as a mistake as the GRE can be used to understand potential students' understanding of topics in a standardized way

Changes to Applications (Continued)



Now that many schools are moving away from the GRE, applicants must focus on creating a completely well-rounded application in order to meet new standards for admission



Each school places a different emphasis on specific components; however, the strongest emphasis will be places on letters of recommendation, research experience, and extracurricular activities (Sleiman, 2019)

Emory University specifically is looking for strong letters of recommendations, research experience, and applicants' demonstrated resiliency

Graduate School Personal Statement

The most important aspect of a graduate school application varies based on program; however, many agree the most important aspect is the personal statement

A personal statement is the applicant's statement of purpose for attending the program

- It offers each applicant a way to tell their unique story and why they feel the program they are applying to will be a good fit for their career and personal aspirations
- Allows the admissions committee to see the applicant in a different perspective and in context of the applicant's life story
 - An effective personal statement will explain who the applicant is, why they believe the program is a good fit, and why the applicant is a good fit for the program

Personal Statement Websites

There are many resources to help applicants create effective and successful personal statements:

- 1) [The Ohio State Career Counseling and Support Services Office](#) has a great website that breaks down every aspect of the grad school application
- 2) [Harvard](#) also has a website with more in-depth walkthroughs of every possible graduate school application
- 3) [Purdue OWL](#) is a great resource for all writing needs

Personal Statement Podcasts

Additionally, there are multiple podcasts and videos that talk about how to write a personal statement for a specific type of graduate school:

- 1) [Navigating Law School Admissions - Nailing the Personal Statement](#)
- 2) [Hello PhD - Crafting the Perfect Personal Statement \(Episode 102\)](#)
- 3) [BLK + In Grad School - Writing Your Personal Statement \(Episode 83\)](#)

Graduate School Scholarships

Student Athletes are more likely graduate their graduate program when they receive athletic aid post-eligibility

- With aid 63% of men's basketball and football players graduate compared to the 55% who graduate without aid
- With aid 75% of Olympic sport athletes graduate compared to the 73% who graduate without aid
 - (NCAA Research, 2019)

However, some schools are not able to offer post-graduate student athletes scholarships

Scholarships

The NCAA awards up to 126 post graduate scholarships every year

- The one time, nonrenewable \$10,000 scholarship is offered 3 times a year in each season
- There are 21 awards for male athletes and 21 awards and female athletes in every season
- There is a specific process that can be found on the NCAA website
 - (NCAA, 2021)
- A more comprehensive list of NCAA sponsored scholarship can be found here:
<https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/ncaa-scholarships-and-grants>

Student Athletes are frequent recipients of the Rhodes Scholarship, one of the most prestigious scholarships

- This is also one of the most competitive scholarships in the world
- It also all fees to attend Oxford
 - (Rhodes Trust, 2020)

A more comprehensive graduate school scholarship list can be found at
<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-grade-level/graduate-scholarships/>

Wrap-Up

The purpose of graduate school is to further a course of study in a specific academic discipline

During times of economic downturn, more people apply and attend graduate school

Due to current NCAA Academic Standards, more student athletes are graduating while they still have athletic eligibility, so they enroll in graduate programs

The success of student athletes in graduate school depend on the sport they play

- Women's track has the highest graduation rate
- Men's basketball has the lowest

As more people have applied to graduate school, programs have moved away from the GRE for a variety of reasons

- These changes mean that more emphasis is placed on different components of the application
- Over 100 programs have either stopped requiring the GRE or no longer accept it

Finally, student athletes are more likely to graduate their program if they have financial aid

- The NCAA offers a multitude of scholarships and grants
- There are multiple other scholarships offered throughout the United States and the world

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