

Graduate School Application Workshop

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Who am I?



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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?



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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?

The screenshot displays the US News website's 'Best Physics Schools' page. It features a navigation bar with 'USNews' and 'EDUCATION' menus. The main heading is 'Best Physics Schools', with a sub-heading 'Ranked in 2022, part of Best Science Schools'. A 'SUMMARY' section includes social media icons and a '188 schools' filter. A table lists the top schools with their names, locations, and peer assessment scores.

NAME/RANK	PEER ASSESSMENT SCORE
Stanford University Stanford, CA #1 in Physics	5.0
California Institute of Technology Pasadena, CA #2 in Physics (tie)	4.9
Harvard University Cambridge, MA #2 in Physics (tie)	4.9



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>



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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>



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Application Fee Waivers

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL gradschools.com. The page title is "Graduate School Application Fee Waiver". The breadcrumb trail is "Home > Get Informed > Admissions > Application Fee Waivers for Graduate Students".

Graduate School Application Fee Waiver

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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The grad school visit

- Talk to current students in the program
- Choose an advisor over a program



Questions?

