

## Questions to Consider Asking About Graduate Programs

### **Admission Requirements**

1. What are the admission requirements?
  - a. Is the GRE required for admission? If so, what range of scores are accepted? How much weight is placed on the GRE score in the admissions decision?
  - b. What are the admission deadlines?
  - c. When can I apply for admission?
  - d. What is the required GPA? How does this factor into the admissions decision?
  - e. How is the application reviewed?
  - f. How long does it take to get an admissions decision?
  - g. Upon admission, are you assigned a program advisor?

### **Cost and Finance Related**

2. What type of scholarship opportunities exist?
3. What is the cost of the program? (ask about the number of courses and cost per course)
  - a. Ask about associated costs such as parking fees, insurance, conferences and program specific fees.
4. Are there graduate or teaching assistantships available? How do students find these opportunities?
5. How many courses do students need to take to be considered full-time?
6. What is the payment process? Is there a payment plan option, do you have to pay at the time of registration etc.

### **Programmatic and Career Questions**

7. What can you tell me about the faculty who teach in the program?
8. What is the average class size?
9. How many students are currently enrolled in the program?
10. Can you tell me about the career opportunities available with this degree?
11. What resources are available to students such as writing assistance, career services, library services and housing options (if applicable)?
12. If I am unsure about which program can I take courses as a non-degree seeking student? If so, is there a limit on the number of courses I can take prior to admission?

### **Schedules, Time to Completion and Program Modality**

13. How long does it take to complete the program?
14. Can you go part-time or full-time?
15. Depending on the program ask how many of the courses are offered online or in a hybrid format. Also, ask how the institutions defines hybrid to determine approximately how many of the course sessions have a face-to-face requirement each semester. Also, ask about the scheduling of face-to-face courses and requirements for hybrid...are they offered in the evenings or weekends or during the day?

### **Other**

16. What do I need to know about this program that I have not already asked?