

# Graduate School Resources

So you've decided the next step for you is graduate school! This handout will give you various resources you may need when searching for the right school, as well as navigating the application process and preparing for entrance exams.

## Search and compare

Depending on your program and location requirements, deciding which schools you will apply to can be a tedious process. The following tools will facilitate your search:

- [Petersons.com](https://www.petersons.com)– Petersons has a graduate school search function in which you can filter based on your desired location, college type, degree type, area of study, tuition and setting.
- [Gradschools.com](https://www.gradschools.com)– This website allows you to search based on area of interest and subject. It will then give you a list of both online and in-person schools that offer that degree program.
- [U.S. News Education](https://www.usnews.com/education) - If you are curious whether your school(s) of choice are ranked highly in the country, U.S. News now has a search function in which you can either search by just program or program plus school name.

## Application timeline

Not sure when you should start your application process? Princeton review has an example of an application [timeline](#) that you can reference to see if you are on-schedule with your grad school application materials.

## Entrance exam preparation

Most graduate schools require some sort of entrance exam. Do your research to find out which tests your schools of choice require, and then register and begin preparing early on.

The table below provides a list of prep test sites and the entrance exam prep tests they have available. Some of these websites will charge you for their practice exams and some will not. Additionally, all major bookstores sell preparatory materials.

## TIPS

### TIP #1

Contact the admissions officials of the schools you are interested in early in your search. They may host information/visit sessions and will be the best contacts regarding requirements, prerequisites, etc.

### TIP #2

Reach out to current students and alumni of the programs you are interested in to get a honest evaluation of the program.

### TIP #3

Use websites such as: [Kaptest.com](https://www.kaptest.com), [princetonreview.com](https://www.princetonreview.com), [ets.org](https://www.ets.org), [petersons.com](https://www.petersons.com), [majortests.com](https://www.majortests.com), [DATbootcamp.com](https://www.datbootcamp.com), [TestPrepPreview.com](https://www.testpreppreview.com) to take practice entrance exams.