

# What Questions Should I Ask Graduate Program Recruiters?

## **Admission Questions**

1. What are the admission requirements (GPA, undergraduate coursework, entrance exams, experience, and interview)?
2. What is the average entrance exam score and GPA of students who are accepted?
3. When is the application deadline?
  - o Is there an early admissions deadline?
4. What is the application process/timeline (application materials, interview)?
5. Are students admitted in both the fall and spring semesters?
6. How important is it for applicants to have extracurricular activities, volunteer and/or work experience?
7. Are there any recommended courses in addition to the stated pre-requisites?
8. Are there any admission application fee waivers available?

## **Funding Questions**

9. How much does the program cost (tuition, student fees, housing)?
10. What funding is available for Masters and/or PhD?
  - o In addition, would tuition, fees, and health insurance be covered?
11. What is the average (or realistic) stipend I could expect? (if applicable)
12. Is it possible to work full-time and complete the degree as a part-time student?

## **Additional Questions**

13. Will I complete an internship as part of the program?
  - o How much choice will I have about where I do my internship?
14. How many faculty members are there and how do I learn about their areas of research?
15. How do I choose a Masters or PhD advisor?
16. Do I need undergraduate research experience?
  - o If so, how do I go about doing that in the department of the program that I am interested in while I am still an undergraduate?
  - o If I am interested in a faculty member's research, how do I contact them to inquire about working with them?
17. How many years on average does it take students to complete the program?
18. Is a thesis, dissertation, or comprehensive examination(s) required for completion of the degree?
19. Will I be able to take electives to pursue other areas of interest?
20. What is the projected size of the entering cohort?
21. Do you reserve spots for in-state residents?
22. Do you provide joint degrees?
23. Where are graduates of the program employed?
24. Do you have open houses or information sessions? Would it be possible for me to arrange a campus visit in which I could meet with admissions representatives, current students, and faculty?
25. May I contact you if I have additional questions?

