

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FAIR

Speaker's Platform 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Graduate & Professional Schools Fair is an excellent opportunity to learn more about master's, doctoral, certificate, and credential programs at CSULB and other colleges and universities across the country. Before speaking to program representatives, please take a moment to review the sample questions below.

Admissions

- When is the application deadline?
- Is there an early admission deadline?
- What is the application process/timeline (application materials, interview)?
- How much does the program cost (tuition, student fees, etc.)?
- Are students admitted in both the fall and spring semesters?
- How many letters of recommendation do you need?
- What is the academic profile of a competitive applicant for admission to your college?
- What tests do you require for admission (GRE, GMAT, etc.)? What are the average GPA and test scores?
- What additional experience (volunteer, internship, work) do I need to be competitive? How many years?
- What types of funding are available (fellowships, assistantships, scholarships, loans)?
- Do you reserve spaces for in-state residents?
- Is on-campus housing available for graduate students?
- What advice would you give someone who wants to apply to your school/program? How can I improve my chances for admission?

Program curriculum and completion

- Is the program full-time or part-time? Is it possible to work full-time and complete the degree as a part-time student?
- Are there opportunities for students in the program to conduct research?
- Are there opportunities for students in the program to teach?

- Will I complete an internship as part of the program? How much choice will I have about where I do my internship?
- How big is the department/program (faculty and students)?
- What is the average cohort size? What is the projected size of the entering cohort?
- Could you tell me more about the facilities (labs, lecture rooms, etc.).
- Is a thesis, dissertation, or comprehensive examination(s) required for completion of the degree?
- How long does it take a student to graduate from your program on average? What is the attrition rate?

Career development

- Will completion of the program meet the educational requirements for licensure or certification needed to enter a particular occupation?
- Where are the graduates of the program employed?
- What percentage of your graduates is employed in a relevant field upon graduation?
- What type of career/jobs and salaries are available to graduates of your program?
- Do you offer career counseling and job placement assistance?

Following up with a program/school

- Who may I contact from the department to learn more information about the program (faculty, student, alumni)?
- Do you have any departmental 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?
- May I contact you if I have additional questions (ask for a business card)?

Attending a Graduate School Fair: Tips for Students, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Retrieved from <http://www.rackham.umich.edu/downloads/gss/tips.pdf>

Graduate School Fair Questions, Wesley College. Retrieved from http://www.wesley.edu/fileadmin/editors_images/Academics/Dept._Academic_Resources/Career_Services/PDFs/Graduate_School_Fair_Sample_Questions.pdf

Tips on Attending the Graduate & Professional School Fair, Career Services Center, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California. Retrieved from <http://www.usfca.edu/career>