

Questions for GRADUATE School Visits



Ask Faculty and Staff:

- ◆ What classes do you teach?
- ◆ What is the largest and the most typical class size for a graduate class? Are classes restricted to graduate students or are undergraduates common in your graduate courses?
- ◆ What are the criteria and process for selecting teaching assistants, research assistants, fellows, etc.?
- ◆ What distinguishes this department? Are there any special programs for which this graduate program is noted?
- ◆ How are students evaluated academically?
- ◆ What type of resources are available to assist students in designing, conducting and publishing their own research?
- ◆ Will I get to develop my own topics or will I be expected to work on a professor's ongoing research?
- ◆ What is the mean time to complete the Ph.D.? What amount of time should be dedicated toward class work, research and dissertation?
- ◆ What is your attrition rate? What are the reasons for students not completing the program?
- ◆ What kind of students thrive in your program?
- ◆ Can you tell me about your placement rates and types of jobs obtained by recent graduates?
- ◆ How can I be a strong candidate for a program like this?

Notes, other questions to ask: