

GRADUATE SCHOOL WORKSHEET TEMPLATE

Factors to Consider	Reflection: Information to Find	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3
Program				
Credentials Granted	What degree, diploma, certificate, or apprenticeship fit your interests?			
Time to degree completion	Minimum, maximum and average time commitment? Caps on funding or years of study? Besides full-time enrollment on campus, are there other options like part-time and/or online classes?			
Graduation requirements	Beyond coursework, are there internship, thesis, or comprehensive exam requirements to earn a degree?			
Support for research interests	Who among the faculty study what you want to study?			
Learning Environment				
Faculty and alumni	Is research prioritized? Where do faculty publish and present their work? Where do graduates of the program work now?			
Admission standards/averages	What characteristics and skills describe the successful applicant?			
Institution and program accreditations	What governing bodies have vouched for both the school as a whole and the program in particular?			
Graduate Outcomes	What do graduates do after this program? Did the program support career goals? Can you speak with a graduate? (LinkedIn or the programs alumni resources are a good place to find this information)			
Belonging/Inclusivity				
Diversity of faculty/student body	What traits/characteristics are important to you in finding a sense of belonging at the institution?			
Faculty-to-Student ratio	How large are the classes? How many people share the same lab? How many advisees does a dissertation chair have at a time?			
Geography/Local region	What's the area like? Are housing, transportation, and entertainment available? Do you need a car? Can you find work/volunteer roles?			
Funds				
Fellowships/Assistantships/Scholarships	Is funding included? Where and when can you apply for consideration? Are there caveats or stipulations for using funds? What external organizations might offer funding or loan payback plans?			
Cost of living (housing, transit, meals)	Do grad students typically live on campus? What's the average rent off-campus? How much is public transit? What's the cost to park a car?			