TEMPE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FAIR 2015

PREPARE FOR THE FAIR

The Graduate School Fair provides opportunities to explore programs, obtain school information, and speak directly with school representatives. Listed below are some tips on how to make the most of your experience during the event.

• Research the schools and programs represented ahead of time so you have a strategy while at the fair.
• Prepare questions to ask the representatives ahead of time, particularly if you have a sincere interest in the given program.
• Feel free to wear what you want; however, keep in mind that you do want to make a good first impression, so a neat and clean appearance is advisable.

QUESTIONS TO ASK REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE FAIR

Admissions
• Can you explain the admissions process? Is selection made by the faculty of the program – what is the makeup of the admissions committee?
• What do you look for in assessing applicants? Is there an average GPA or test score that you look for? What else, aside from good grades, would make me a solid candidate?

Faculty Related
• What is the student to teacher ratio within the program?
• Will I have an opportunity to work collaboratively with faculty on projects, and if so, how?
• Are the faculty diverse in their areas of discipline?

Graduation & Employment
• What is the average completion time of the program? Can it be done part-time?
• About how soon do graduates find employment? What services are available to assist in my future job search?
• Who are some of your most notable alumni in the field?

Coursework
• How specialized is the program? Should I have previous knowledge of the field before enrolling?
• What are the requirements for graduation? Is there a thesis required, and if so, what’s the process like?

Financial Aid
• What is the cost of the program?
• What types of financial aid are available to students? Fellowships or assistantships?

AFTER THE FAIR

Make sure to follow up with the programs that were of interest. In particular, reach out to any additional contacts recommended to you. It may also be a good idea to arrange a campus visit or schedule a time to talk further with a recruiter and/or faculty from the program.