

Tips for Attending the Texas State Graduate and Professional School Fair

- Dress casually, but appropriately. Remember, you still want to make a good first impression.
- Research and prioritize your top schools.
- Prepare questions to ask the representatives ahead of time. (Sample questions are listed below.)
- Compile key components (capstone courses, favorite papers/projects, etc.) of your undergraduate degree and work/internship/volunteer experience (if any) to share with representatives. You may even consider bringing your resume or CV.
- Think about when you might want to begin your graduate program.
- Gather brochures and other materials pertaining to your program of interest.
- Collect business cards of representatives from schools/programs you are interested in pursuing so that you can contact them later.

Suggested Questions to Ask:

- What is unique about your campus?
- What is unique about your programs?
- What kind of student is successful at your school?
- What is the academic profile of a competitive applicant for admission to your college?
- What are the requirements for admission?
- What are the average GPA scores required for admission to your program?
- What tests (such as the GRE) do you require for admissions, if any?
- Do I need work experience to be competitive? If so, how many years of experience do I need?
- Do you admit students in both the fall and spring semesters? What are the admission deadlines?
- Is it possible to pursue a graduate degree part-time if I already have a full-time job?
- How much does the program cost?
- Do you offer any scholarships and assistantships?
- What are the deadlines to apply for scholarships and assistantships?
- How big is the department/program (number of faculty and students)?
- What is your average class size?
- What type of jobs do your students take up after graduation from your graduate program?
- What advice would you give someone who wants to apply to your school/program?
- How might I improve my chances for admission?