

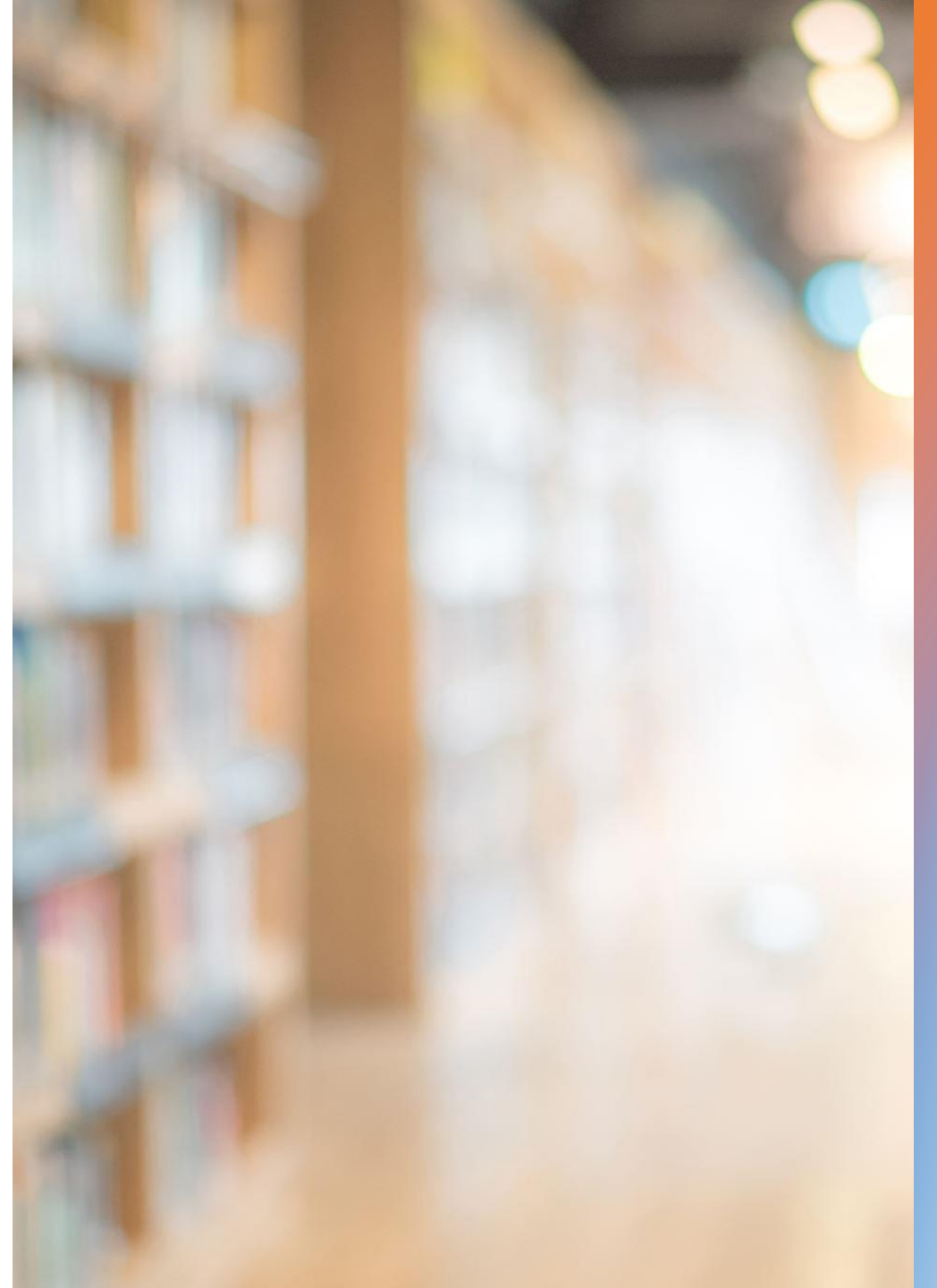


MASTERING GRADUATE SCHOOL WORKSHOP SERIES

Is Graduate School Right for Me?
Navigating the Selection & Application
Process

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What is the difference between graduate school and undergraduate school?

1. Advanced courses and specialization
2. Research
3. Culminating Experience
4. Professional Development
5. Admission Requirements
6. Duration



Is graduate school right for me?

Deciding whether graduate school is right for you is a significant and personal decision that depends on various factors.

Here are some considerations to help you determine if pursuing graduate education aligns with your goals and circumstances.

1. Consider your career goals
2. Identify your passion and interests
3. Be aware of job market trends
4. Financial considerations
5. Assess your personal circumstances and readiness



Types of Graduate Programs

- **Master's:** Master's of Science (MS); Masters of Arts (MA); Master's in Fine Arts (MFA); Master's in Business Administration (MBA) (Typically, 30-33 credit hours)
- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.):** research focused degree in various disciplines (A minimum of 72 credit hrs)
- **Doctor of Education (Ed.D.):** focuses on education and leadership (A minimum of 72 credit hrs)
- **Graduate Certificates:** short-term programs (12-15 credit hrs) providing specialized skills or knowledge. Be sure to attend our "Mastering Grad School Workshop Series": June 19, 2024 - Exploring Opportunities: Navigating Graduate Certificates and UofM Global Programs Workshop
- **Accelerated Bachelors to Masters** (4+1 programs)
- **Dual degrees** (MA/JD)
- **Non-degree seeking:** take a course without pursuing a degree. "Test Drive Graduate School"

UofM Graduate Program Offerings



- ❑ 60+ Masters Programs
- ❑ 25+ Doctoral Programs
- ❑ 50+ Graduate Certificates
- ❑ Dual Degree MA/JD

[Explore](#) our programs!

A Sample of Graduate Programs Offered:

Accounting	Computer Science
Medical Anthropology	Data Science
Graphic Design	Professional MBA
Sculpture	History
Biomedical Engineering	Applied Mathematics
Finance	Jazz and Studio Music
Analytical Chemistry	Family Nurse Practitioner
Engineering Seismology	Clinical Nutrition
Hearing Sciences & Disorders	Materials Science
Archeology	Strategic Leadership
Geology	Clinical Psychology
Geophysics	French and Spanish
Educational Psychology	Information Systems
Computer Engineering	Language and Linguistics
Mechanical Engineering	English
	Exercise Science

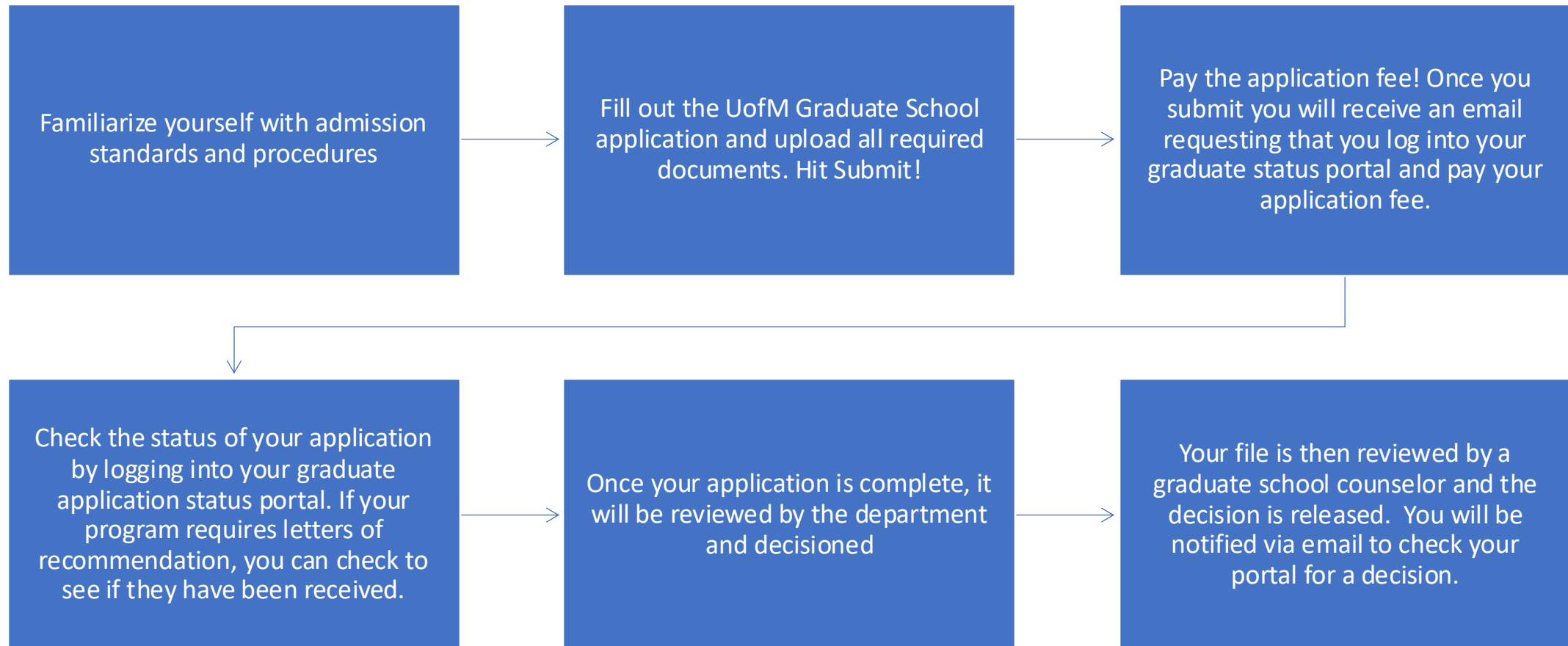




Understanding the Admissions Process

- Difference between undergraduate and graduate admission
- Graduate admission involves both the graduate school and departments.
- The graduate school sets minimum admission standards. Departments can, and often do, set higher standards.
- Your application will be reviewed by graduate school counselors as well as faculty in the department to which you have applied.
- Students must meet both the graduate school minimums and department admission standards in order to be admitted to the University of Memphis.

Graduate Admissions Process



Graduate School Minimum Admission Standards



- U.S. Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or an international equivalence. Applicants whose highest degree is from a foreign university may be required to have their credentials evaluated by any credentialing agency listed on the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services website (www.naces.org).
- Our minimum GPA requirements are 2.75 for Master's and 3.0 for the PhD.
- International Students: must exhibit proof of language proficiency.

<https://www.memphis.edu/graduateadmissions/future/admission-requirements.php>



Program Standards

- These vary depending on the program
- Visit our [program websites](#) or [our program directory](#)





Procedures and Documents

- Application deadlines
- Application review times
- Application fee: \$35 dollars for domestic applicants, \$60 dollars for international applicants
- Document Types
 - Unofficial transcripts (official are collected once you are accepted)
 - letters of recommendation
 - Writing sample
 - Resume/cv
 - Personal statement
 - Graduate record examination (GRE) or other academic entrance exams (unofficial score reports are accepted for review, official scores are collected once you are accepted)
 - International students: language proficiency exam (test taker reports are accepted but must be verified before acceptance).
 - International students: some departments require a credential evaluation
 - Portfolio
 - Interview



Tips for Applying

- Familiarize yourself with the admission requirements of the graduate school and your program
- Be aware of application deadlines
- Apply Early!
- If you need letters of recommendation, have a conversation with your letter writers so they know a request from our application system will be forthcoming. Politely request letters of reference!
- Collect needed documents
- If you need to take a standardized test, plan ahead for this.
- Tailor your personal statement to fit the program. Do research to find out how the faculty's research will fit with your academic goals and interests.
- Have a conversation with a faculty member or graduate coordinator in the department to express your interest and get more information.

Signature

Date



Tuition and Fees

- Non-resident
https://www.memphis.edu/usbs/pdf/2324ayfees/2023_24_gr_non_chart.pdf
- Resident
https://www.memphis.edu/usbs/pdf/2324ayfees/2023_24_gr_res_chart.pdf
- International
https://www.memphis.edu/usbs/pdf/2324ayfees/2023_24_gr_int_chart.pdf
- Tuition Calculator:
<https://umwa.memphis.edu/estimator/>



Graduate Assistantships

Graduate assistantships are invaluable opportunities that offer both financial support and valuable work experience. Full-time assistantships cover tuition, fees, health insurance, and provide a stipend.

Part-time assistantships are also available, though health insurance is not included.

Check with your department for availability and eligibility.

There are highly competitive positions and are limited in number. Many departments consider students for assistantships at the time of admission.

Graduate Assistants for Research (GAR)

Graduate Assistants for Teaching (GAT)

Graduate Assistants for Administration/office (GAO)





Next Steps/Apply Now

If you are interested in hearing more about a specific program, please fill out our inquiry form so we can connect you with a department representative. <https://apply.memphis.edu/register/GRinquiry> or email us at graduateadmissions@memphis.edu

Explore our Fall Virtual Events:

- [Mastering Grad School Workshop Series](#)
- [Check out our blog post on funding your graduate education](#)

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Questions?

