

IS GRADUATE SCHOOL IN YOUR FUTURE?



Are you interested in pursuing grad school after MCU?

1. Determine your career goals
2. Select the most relevant degree type:
 - M.B.A., M.A., M.S.W., M.Ed., Ph.D., M.D., J.D., etc.
3. Research and apply to graduate programs. Consider the following:
 - **Reputation, faculty, accreditation, location, cost, time commitment, and modality** (in-person or online)

What are my career goals?

A graduate degree will help me because:



- Research the most suitable grad programs. Consult with mentors, faculty/staff, family, professional contacts, etc.
- Select 5-8 programs and utilize the 3-tier approach: dream schools, realistic/challenging schools, and safety schools
- Understand and maintain record of application requirements/materials and deadlines for each program
 - Organize program and application details and create a timeline using an Excel spreadsheet
- Register for info sessions, campus tours, and other info
- Schedule and prepare for required entrance exams (GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, CBEST, etc.)
- Write personal statement/statement of purpose and have it reviewed by faculty/staff or mentors
- Update your resume and submit it to the Internship & Career Planning Office
- Identify your references and request letters of recommendation at least one month in advance
 - Include degree/program name, deadline date, letter prompt, and submission instructions
 - Attach your resume and personal statement
- Order transcripts
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships
- Complete applications
- Make your final decision!

For more info, contact the Internship & Career Planning Office at CareerPrep@marymountcalifornia.edu