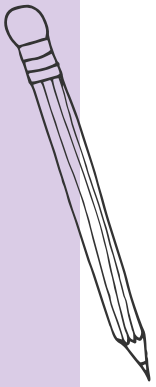


# GRADUATE SCHOOL



**Visit our website on graduate school preparation.**

Graduate school can provide great benefits, but it's an investment of time and money. Visit our website for questions to explore your reasons for going.

**Use Petersons to learn about programs.**

Use search engines like Petersons or speak with graduate school representatives in person at JMU's Graduate & Professional School Fair.

**Keep a list of programs and deadlines.**

Compile information to keep on top of application deadlines, test dates, admissions requirements, your application status, etc.

**Take a free practice test online.**

Learn about the different types of exams and take a free practice test online to determine whether or not you'd like to invest in a test prep course.

**Reach out to references.**

Contact faculty members, supervisors, or mentors early so that they can write strong letters of recommendation on your behalf.

**Explore your financial options.**

Research whether programs of interest provide financial assistance via fellowships, grants, assistantships, and scholarships, in addition to loans.

**Ask an expert.**

Talk with someone who has the degree you're considering. This could be a JMU faculty member, JMU alumnus, or a graduate student currently studying in that program.

**Prepare your materials.**

Staff in the University Writing Center or faculty in your program can review your writing samples. Our career advisors can also review resumes, and help you prepare for graduate school interviews.

**Schedule an appointment.**

Make an appointment with our career advisors.

*Keep it up!*

