Marquette University
Graduate School Open House

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Why Graduate School?

Is Graduate School a match for you?
Do the Research.

- Is a graduate or professional degree required to meet your career goals?
- Does your undergraduate degree match your career goals?
- Does this school have your program?
- Is the institution accredited? Is the program accredited?
- When are classes offered?
- Can you take it part-time or full-time?
- How long will it take you to complete your program?
Council of Graduate Schools
Pathways Through Graduate School and into Careers

- 2010-2020  2.6 million new/replacement jobs
- Lower unemployment and higher salaries
- Not just about working in academia
- Attain critical skills
  - Professionalism and Work Ethic
  - Oral and Written Communication Skills
  - Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving
  - Collaboration and Teamwork
- Employees hit the ground running
Who are we?

Fall 2014 Demographics

• 3,417 Graduate and Professional Students
• 56% Women/ 44% Men
• 48% Part time / 52% Full time
• 22% of Multicultural Backgrounds
• 12% International
Fall 2014 Graduate School Statistics

- 2,128 applications received
- Admission rate:
  - PhD: 32%
  - Master’s: 52%
World-Class Faculty

• Teacher-Researcher Model
• Research
  • Academic
  • Practical
Clinical Experience

- Clinical Psychology
- Speech Pathology
- Nursing
- Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology
- Educational Policy and Leadership
Transformational Education

• Cura Personalis
• Individual attention
• Quality of teaching
• Academically challenging
• Education that teaches you how to think, not what to think
• Ethics
• Career success
Service

- Habitat for Humanity
- Hunger Task Force
- Special Olympics
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Engineers Without Borders
Application Requirements for Grad School

- Application fee
- Transcripts
- Letters of recommendation/reference
- Standardized exams
- Statement of purpose
- Sample of scholarly writing
- Resume or job profile
- Personal interview
Letters of Recommendation/Reference

- Check with your program to see if letters are required. If so, do they have specific forms that are used?
- Letters should comment on the applicant’s past academic record and potential for future success.
- Ideally, letters will be written by professors. For applicants that have been out of school for some time, letters from employers and character references can suffice.
Standardized Exams

• Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)
  http://www.ets.org/gre

• Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)
  http://www.gmac.com

• Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
  http://www.ets.org/toefl
Statement of Purpose

• Clarify your vision for your graduate program
  - Academic objectives
  - Research interests
  - Career plans
• Related qualifications
• Collegial, work and community activities
• Other substantial accomplishments not mentioned in your application
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Marquette University
Funding your Graduate Education

Thomas Marek
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Cost of Marquette Graduate School

• The 2014-15 tuition rates at Marquette are:
  ✓ $765/credit for programs in the College of Education.
  ✓ $1,025/credit for all other graduate programs.

• Rates are the same for both in-state and out-of-state residents.

• There are no other registration or service fees (other than books).
How Do Students Fund their Programs? What Kind of Help is Available?

Students can fund their programs through:

- Personal financial sources and savings.
- Merit-based aid.
- Need-based aid.
- Outside scholarships and grants.
Merit-Based Aid Financial Aid

Merit-based aid is administered by the Graduate School. Many graduate programs offer merit-based aid—primarily to full-time students who are in degree programs.

Departments look closely at the academic backgrounds of applicants who request aid. They review applicants’ transcripts, letters of recommendation, test scores, statements of purpose, etc. and make aid recommendations to the Graduate School.

Note: Personal income/financial need is not considered.
Examples of Merit-Based Aid include:

- **Tuition Scholarships** (pays for tuition charges).
- **Teaching Assistantships**
- **Research Assistantships**

Assistants work 20 hours per week and must be full-time students. Outside work is not permitted. Assistantships include a stipend, tuition scholarship, and subsidized health insurance.

- **Fellowships** (No work is required—the terms of fellowships vary by award. Some may offer a stipend, scholarship, or both).
Merit-Based Financial Aid Deadlines

- **February 15**: Fall term (or Fall-Spring academic year). Most programs award all of their aid during this competition.

- **April 15**: Summer Term.

- **November 15**: Spring Term.

Applying is easy—just mark the FA check box on the application for admission and make sure all of your admission documents are sent by the deadline.

NOTE: Programs with earlier admission deadlines also have earlier financial aid deadlines.
Need-Based Financial Aid

Eligibility for Federal Student Aid is determined by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and is administered by the Office of Student Financial Aid (located in MU Central, Zilber Hall).

Graduate students are considered independent (parent’s financial information is not needed).

- **Student Loans***. U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens may receive up to $20,500 in a Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.
- **Grad Plus and Private Loans*** may also be available.
- **Student Employment Opportunities** on campus are available to graduate students. Visit the Job Connection page on the MU Central website.

* All loans must be repaid.
Other Funding Sources

- MU Monthly Payment Plan.
- Credit card payments accepted.
- Some employers offer tuition reimbursement.
- Faculty grant-funded assistantships.
Other Funding Sources

• Search online for outside scholarships, fellowships, and grants. Some external graduate scholarships and fellowships are listed on both the MU Grad School and MU Central websites. *Plan ahead and search early—deadlines vary.*

• Ask the department representative at your table about the financial aid opportunities they offer.
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Thank you for attending!