

AGENDA

What is Graduate School?

Programs & Structure

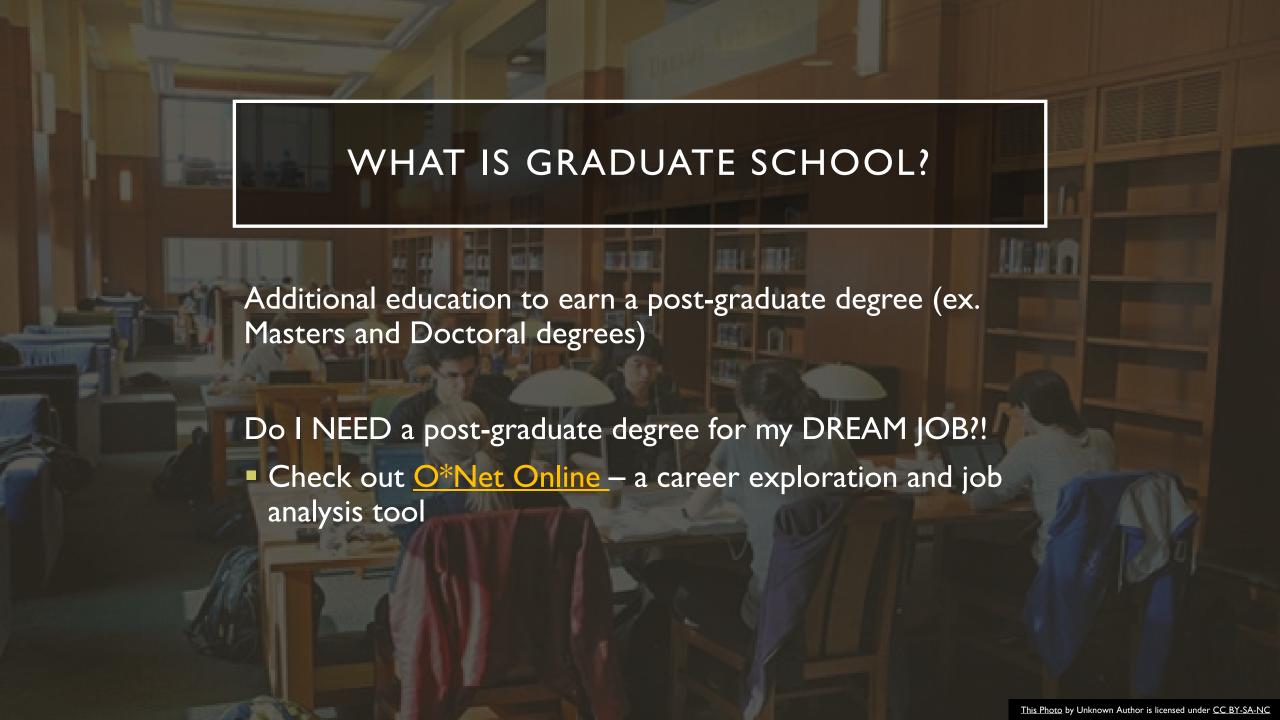
How does Financial Aid work?

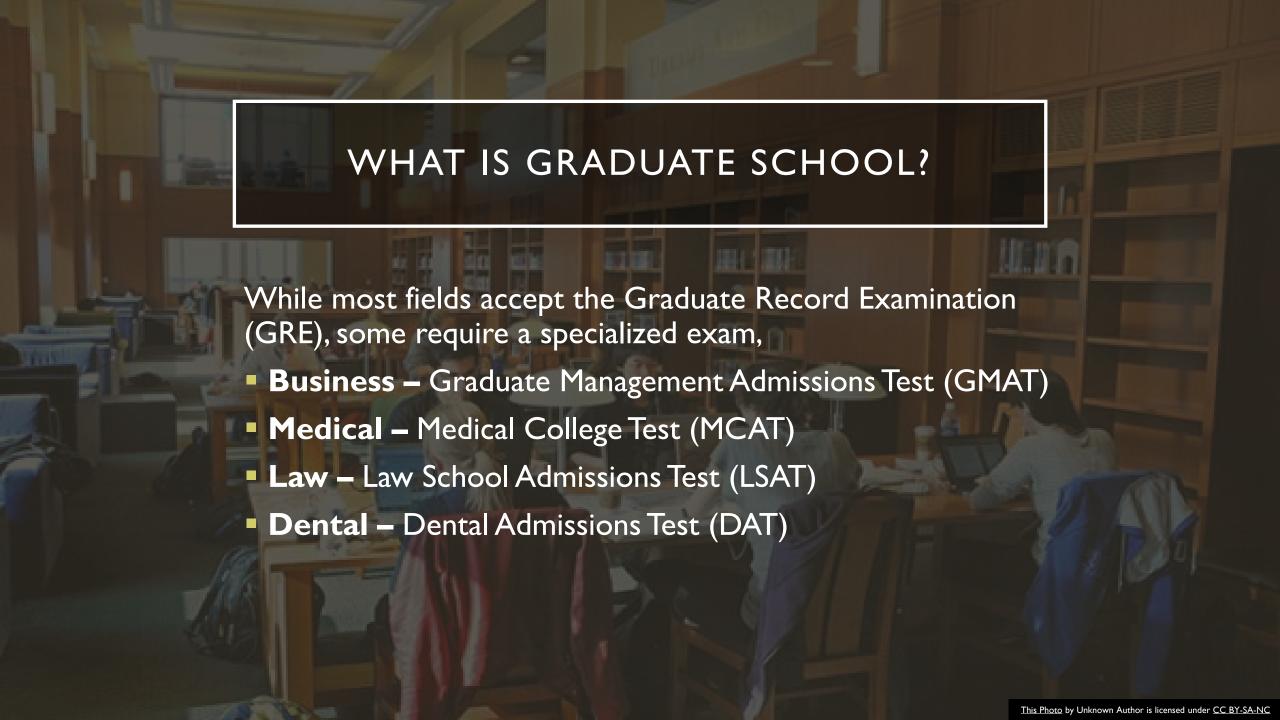
Preparing a (Grad) Budget

Strategic Planning

Resources









PROGRAMS

Focus on a specific topic within the field

May offer certificates, concentrations and/or specializations on sub-topics

Offerings vary by institution



PROGRAMS

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) vs. Professional Doctoral Degrees

PhD: apply academic inquiry and research in academia

PDD: apply career and research skills to current issues in the field

STRUCTURE



Masters programs range 1-3 years



Doctor of Philosphy (PhD) programs range 4-6 years

First 2-3 years on course work, next 2 years on research and last 1-2 years writing and defending dissertation



May hold prerequisites depending on academic field and program



PhD research depends on faculty in the program

PROGRAMS & STRUCTURE

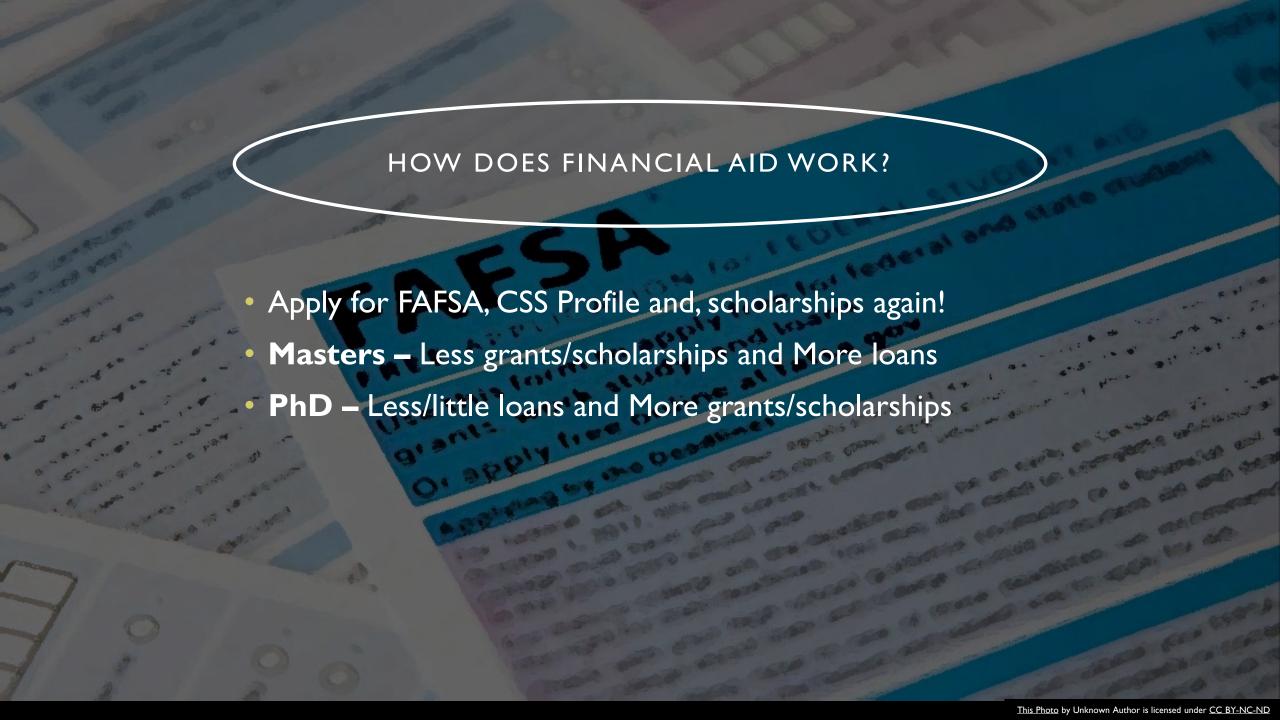
GEOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

- Offers both a Masters and PhD program with 6 majors to choose from
- New Student Field Trip
- Summer Research (summer before academic yr starts)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

- PhD Program that allows students to earn an M.A. and, M.Phil along the way
- Friendly to students new to Geo
- Guaranteed Graduate Fellowships for 5 yrs.



HOW DOES FINANCIAL AID WORK?

- Assistantships Similar to work-study, students may apply for a GA position offered in offices across campus; benefits could include tuition coverage; considered a salary (taxable income)
- Fellowships Similar to scholarships; provide money in exchange for short-term professional development or research opportunity; considered as a financial aid award (non-taxable)

PREPARING A (GRAD) BUDGET

APPLYING TO GS BUDGET

- Admissions Application Fee (\$50-\$200)
- Grad Test Fee
- CSS Profile Fee (\$25 + \$16/add. report)
- Admitted Student Deposit Fee (\$100+)
- Test Prep Fee (\$150+)

*Some fees may be reduced or waived if eligible

GS EXAM FEES (IN U.S.) BY TYPE

- GRE \$220 / \$100 w.Voucher
- GMAT \$275 in-person / \$300 online
- MCAT \$330 / \$135 w.Waiver
- LSAT \$215 / offers Fee Waiver Tiers
- DAT \$525 / \$262.50 w. Waiver



FEES & EXPENSES WHILE IN GS

Textbooks

Academic Materials (ex. lab coat, software, etc.)

Health Insurance

Transportation

PREPARING A BUDGET: LIVING ON YOUR OWN

RECURRING PAYMENTS

- List current/anticipating Bills
 - Phone
 - Spotify
 - Streaming Services
- Rent Budget Range (\$500-\$1,100)
- Utility Bills (\$50-\$250)
 - Light
 - Gas
 - Water

- Internet Bill (\$60-\$80)
- Renters Insurance (\$7-\$15)
- Car Insurance (\$80-\$300)
- Credit Card(s)
- Student Loans

ONE-TIME PAYMENTS

- Application Fee (\$25-\$75)
- Credit Report and/or BackgroundCheck Fee (\$25-\$50)
- Move-In (3x Rent plus moving costs)
- Pet-Deposit (\$250-\$500)
- Fees Moving to a New State
 - Car Title, Registration, Inspection and, Insurance
 - Driver's License/State ID

TO GET STARTED

- Make a school list with name, location, app. fee, app. deadline, exam req., and program
 - Fee Waivers?
- Full-Time/Part-Time
 - Do you qualify for scholarships? Assistantships?
- On-Campus/Off-Campus
 - Will you be living on your own? Out of state?







- Consider taking a break after college
- Moving and becoming an in-state resident, if applicable
- Apply for a job at the institution you'll be attending for tuition benefits
- Research the resources and support available at the school





RESOURCES

Sipoot

- Sites that rank Graduate Schools by field, affordability and more
 - Best Masters Degrees
 - Best Value Schools
- Career & Civic Engagement Center Resources
 - O*Net Online
 - Mini-Grants
 - Graduate School Resourges Search
 I'm Feeling Lucky
 - Career Resources for Undocumented & DACA Students
- Breaking Barriers Resources
 - Scholarship Database
 - Graduate School Scholarships for Undocumented Students
 - Apartment Search 101 Handout
 - What's Credit? Why Is It Important Handout



RESOURCES

- Entrance Exam Fee Waiver Programs
 - GRE Fee Reduction Program
 - MCAT Fee Assistance Program
 - LSAT Fee Waiver & Credential Assembly Service (CAS)
 - DAT Partial Fee Waivers
- Some Fee Waiver Programs include practice tests and materials!

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THANK YOU

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