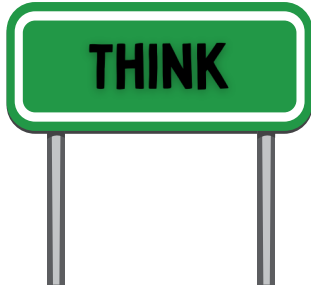




WHAT'S NEXT? STEPPING ON THE ROAD TO GRADUATE SCHOOL



- What are my personal goals?
- Is graduate school attainable for me right now?
- Do my career goals require graduate school?
- Why do you want to go to graduate school?
- Does my future career require a graduate or higher level degree?

1. Research your desired career. What education is required or suggested?
2. Start with a general search for graduate programs that align with your career interests.
3. Make a list of universities that offer your desired program.
4. Look at the program pages and degree requirements. Does the program have specialty areas or different concentrations? How long will it take you to complete the program?
5. Determine admission requirements. Look for funding, scholarships and research opportunities.
6. Don't be afraid to ask questions! (Remember this is YOUR journey and it is important to have your questions answered.)



Once you have determined admission and application requirements, it is time to start preparing!

Preparing to apply to graduate school can require a lot of work and determination.

Make a roadmap for obtaining admission requirements.



APPLY!

Obtain your application requirements and apply!
(Check deadlines!!)

**FLIP OVER FOR
MORE TIPS
AND TRICKS!**



QUESTIONS? WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!

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PREPARING A RESUME OR CV?

- Tell your story
- List your UCCS academics, accomplishments, and involvement
- Show all of your work - Be specific
- On and Off-campus experience counts!
- Include relevant soft or hard skills
- Proofread
- Tailor your resume as needed



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TIPS

- Build positive relationships with professors, instructors, practicum supervisors, internship supervisors, etc.
- Go to class, show up for class activities, participate in class discussions, and turn in assignments.
- Ask for help and utilize office hours
- STAY IN TOUCH even after you graduate.

PREPARING FOR INTERVIEWS

- Be Prepared
- Listen, then Talk
- Anticipate the Unexpected
- Prepare Questions
- Don't Neglect the Little Things



Did you know the **Career and Innovation Center** offers mock interview practice and can provide helpful feedback?

NETWORKING 101

- When introducing yourself, speak clearly and concisely, with a positive tone! First impressions make a difference!
- Be yourself!
- Keep your resume updated! You never know when someone may say "Can you send me your resume?"
- Do you have a LinkedIn? Connect with others in your desired career field. If you have a great conversation, ask for their contact information to connect later!
- Follow-up!



FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS



- Full funding can be limited based on your program and institution you are attending.
- Don't be afraid to email admissions counselors at institutions to ask about funding and scholarships. View Financial Aid websites for schools.
- Pay attention to early application deadlines that apply to student funding and scholarships
- Ask for help! The Financial Aid Office can be super helpful to determine available scholarships and grants. (They know all the opportunities!)



- You may be asked to submit a writing sample or personal statement. Keep these in a known location for later use.
- Ask your professors about their graduate school journey (they will have great tips for how to accomplish your goals within your desired field).
- Check admission requirements to see if the GRE or other standardized tests are required. Make a plan to take these tests if necessary.