## THINKING ABOUT GRAD SCHOOL

Steps for considering and applying to graduate school programs

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<td>• Explore types of degrees available</td>
<td>• Use school websites and resources from the <a href="https://www.careerwise.org">Considering Graduate School</a> webpage to research degree programs</td>
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ATTEND GRAD SCHOOL BOOT CAMP

Need help figuring out if and how to go to grad school? Attend this one-day event filled with workshops to get you ready for the process:

• Takes place every October
• Hear from experts on topics from applying to and funding graduate school
• Identify resources for building strong applications

BUILD YOUR APPLICATION

Prepare a strong application that has been tailored to each school and reviewed by experts:

• Utilize Career Guides to craft your application documents
• Visit Drop-In Advising or meet with your Career Liaison to have your materials reviewed
• Attend workshops and campus events on preparing for grad school

MORE ACTION STEPS

• Meet with a Career Liaison or Career Advisor
• Visit Consider Graduate School Webpage
• Search our online catalog, Career Key, for keywords: grad school, personal statement, exams

FIND FUNDING SOURCES

How will I pay for grad school? Start early to determine types of funding you qualify for and your anticipated costs of attending grad school:

• Contact the Financial Aid Offices for schools you are planning on applying to
• Research Fellowship opportunities through FSU’s Office of National Fellowships (put graduate school under purpose)
• Determine if the out-of-state programs you are considering align with SREB: Academic Common Market