Goals for Pre-Graduate School Advising

Students will have access to excellent graduate school advising, including information about:

• graduate school options for students within particular areas of study
• how to be a competitive candidate
• career options with various graduate school degrees
Steps to Achieve these Goals

- Strong partnership between academic departments and OPCD
- Information and outreach available at both lower-division and major level
- Thus, the “pre-graduate school liaison” system
  - Most important resource is the website – has helpful info + contacts within departments or areas of interest.
A graduate school degree allows you to advance your knowledge and scholarship in a particular discipline. Included below are important steps to take should you consider graduate school in your post-college plans.

1. **Meet with an Adviser**

   If you’re interested in obtaining a master’s or doctoral degree, contact the OPCD by dropping by Room 230, Reynolda Hall or scheduling an appointment through Handshake to discuss your graduate school goals. A career coach in the OPCD will be happy to start a discussion about graduate degrees and applying to programs. If the degree you are interested in is related to a specific major, you should also contact the appropriate departmental adviser. A member of the faculty will be happy to help you with your graduate plans. And if you are interested in a degree not tied to a specific major, please start your discussion in the OPCD.

2. **Find a Program**

   Begin your graduate school search with research on various graduate degrees, programs and schools. To start this research check out Petersons.com to learn about different schools and their admissions processes or use one of the many graduate school research resources available to you through our office.

3. **Research Application Timelines**
Think about these key topics...
Research Opportunities
Talk to people and build relationships
Just one piece of the puzzle...
Learn about career options
Seek relevant experiences
What kinds of questions do we get?
What can I do with a degree in...?
What is the graduate school application process like?
How can I improve my application?
Any questions?