The Office of Graduate Studies Presents:

EXPLORING GRADUATE EDUCATION IN 2023
Why Graduate Education?

- Learn more. Earn more.
  - How much more do people with master’s degrees earn over their lifetime?
  - Are people with master’s degrees less likely to be unemployed?
  - The undergraduate experience is about learning.
  - Your graduate education will be about doing, researching, teaching, creating, and innovating.
Types of Degrees: Master's

- Master of Science (M.S.)
- Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Other Masters
  - Business Administration (MBA)
  - Public Administration (MPA)
  - Public Health (MPH)
  - Social Work (MSW)
  - School Psychology (Ed.S.)
  - Master of Fine Art (M.F.A.)
Types of Graduate Degrees: Doctoral and Professional

- Doctorate
  - Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)
  - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD.)
- Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Juris Doctor (J.D.)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.)
Types of Admissions Tests

- Ph.D. – Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Medical School – Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)
- Pharmacy School – Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT)
- Law School – Law School Admission Test (LSAT)
- Veterinary Medicine – GRE or possibly the Veterinary College Admission Test (VCAT)
Financial Aid Brochure for Graduate Students

• Here is a one-stop-shop for all graduate school funding opportunities for grad students, along with the requirements for each individual opportunity.

• Please save the link to come back to this brochure when you might need to reference it!
Funding Your Master's, Doctorate or Professional Education

- Funding your Ph.D.
  - Consider applying for
    - The California Pre-Doctoral Program
    - The Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program
  - Find a Ph.D. program that will be fully funded.
Funding Your Master's, Doctorate, or Professional Education

- Funding your Master's or Professional Education
  - Look for schools that may offer incentives but keep overall cost in mind.
  - Borrow smartly (Federal loans & private loans)
  - Internships, Fellowships, and Scholarships
  - Talk to your employer about tuition reimbursement or assistance.
Applying to Graduate Programs

- Deciding what you want to study
  - Network with others in the field
    - (LinkedIn, Alumni network, faculty, etc.)
  - Make a list of your schools
    - (Dream, Target, and Safety)
  - Reach out to the graduate recruiter
    - Schedule a campus visit, if feasible
  - Reach out to the graduate program coordinator/advisor
Applying to Graduate Programs

- Make a list of recommenders and reach out early
- Begin studying for any required standardized tests (if required).
- Begin drafting your personal statement
  - Consider an appointment at your campus Writing Center
- Update your resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Make note of application and funding deadlines
When Should You Apply?

- Programs have different application deadlines.
- Look at those deadlines NOW, and planning accordingly
  - (required documents, timeline for requesting LORs and drafting your Personal Statement, etc.)
Graduate Education at CSUSB

- More than 50 graduate and certificate programs across five colleges.
- Cost-efficient education
- Staff and faculty dedicated to your prosperity and success
Who are CSUSB graduate alumni?

- Distinguished authors
- Local and state politicians
- Business leaders
- Education leaders
- Performers
- Community activists
Drop-In Sessions with Erma Cross, Recruitment & Outreach Specialist

Erma is here to help:

- guide you to your ideal graduate program
- assist in the application process
- be a liaison between you and your graduate program for questions or concerns
- Drop-In to one of Erma’s Taco Tuesdays Walk-In Wednesday or Tea-Time Thursday session
- Learn more about graduate education at CSUSB: csusb.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students/explore-graduate-education

Email: Erminia.Cross@csusb.edu
Phone Number: 909-537-5058
Applying to a Graduate Program at CSUSB

- Apply online through Cal State Apply.
- Consider an Application Information Sessions
- Requesting Letters of Recommendation tips
- Writing your Personal Statement writing tips
Funding Your CSUSB Graduate Education

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- State University Grant
- CSUSB Scholarships
- Graduate Equity Fellowship
- Merit-Based Presidential Scholarship
- Student Research and Travel
- California Pre-Doctoral Program
- Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program
- Over 60 Program
Who is Your CSUSB Support Team?

- **Erma Cross**
  - Helping with navigating possible programs you may want to apply to, and application requirements.

- **April Lane**
  - Completing your Cal State Apply online application and ongoing graduate student resource support services.

- **Megan Kinnally**
  - Writing a stellar Personal Statement

- **Graduate Program Coordinator**
  - Answering questions about the program, application-specific questions, reviewing your application for admission.

- **Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships**
  - Answers questions about FAFSA, loans, grants, and scholarships.

- **Human Resources**
  - Currently a staff member with CSUSB? You may qualify for a tuition fee waiver for graduate school! If you have any questions, please contact hrd-fw@csusb.edu.
CSUSB Graduate Studies Events

- Graduate Student Orientation
- Professional Origin Story Panel
- Research Origin Story Panel
- Women in Academia Discussion
- Grad Slam: Three-Minute Thesis
- Career Readiness Series
- Financial Wellness February
- Mental Wellness May
Want to keep up with our events and announcements?

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