

# GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR Q&A



**Williams Center, MPR from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 24th**

## **What goes on at this event?**

- ♦ University tables are organized, mostly in alphabetical order.  
(featuring FREDONIA graduate programs)
- ♦ 1-2 representatives, sometimes a Fredonia graduate, will be at the table with brochures, application directions, and giveaways (pens, magnets, frisbees, etc.).
- ♦ There is typically little-to-no wait time to speak with the rep.
- ♦ Ask questions about the university, program, application, scholarships/fellowships, etc.
- ♦ Visit as many or as few tables as you wish.

## **Hosted by the Career Development Office**

### **Why should I attend?**

Regardless of class year and major, all are welcome to attend.

University representatives WANT to meet students/candidates and share unique details about their program and university experience. Create personal connections with university reps to personalize your application.

There are multiple reasons to attend the Graduate School Fair:

- ♦ Your career requires an advanced graduate degree.
- ♦ Identify IF and HOW an advanced degree can enhance career options, and advancement opportunities.
- ♦ Ask general questions, and more specific questions. The reps are more than happy to accept ANY questions!
- ♦ Begin graduate program research in advance to know what's in store for the application process.



### **What kind of questions should I ask?**

Consider details important to you from an academic, personal and professional and perspective. Typical asked questions might include learning details about...

- ♦ the application process
- ♦ career possibilities and outcomes
- ♦ the curriculum, including internships
- ♦ research opportunities
- ♦ graduate assistantships and financial aid deadlines
- ♦ housing options
- ♦ accommodations and accessibility
- ♦ general qualifications for admission (grades, extracurriculars, majors, etc.)



## Graduate School-Related Services Available at the CDO

- ♦ Resume review
- ♦ Personal statement review
- ♦ Graduate interview practice  
(targeted to your program)
- ♦ Career counseling
- ♦ Available to current students and alumni  
(undergraduate & graduate)

### Do I have to stay the entire time?

Stay as long as you'd like—take time to connect with all of the programs you are interested in. There is no minimum time frame to stay.

Earn extra RAFFLE ticket entries for engaging with program representatives. Before you leave—complete the event evaluation to enter the raffle drawing!!

EVENT PRIZES include...

Career Portfolios, a Fredonia Graduation Cap and Gown (gift card), or a SUNY Fredonia diploma frame!

**I haven't even considered graduate school as an option yet. OR—I've chosen a program I want to apply to, but I don't know what's next.**

### Where can I go to for additional assistance?

The Career Development Office is available to help students with any career questions! Resumes, cover letters, internships, career/major choice, job search, graduate school options, interview prep/practice and employer connections.

Students & Alumni can choose the appointment day and time that is most convenient; in-person, by phone or by Zoom. Go to [www.fredonia.edu/cdo](http://www.fredonia.edu/cdo) to login to Handshake to get started!

### What should I wear?

#### What should I bring?

There is no professional dress code, however you'll feel more confident when you dress for success.

Come as you are; bring your smile and enthusiasm to learn about new programs!

If you have a resume, bring it with you to practice talking about your skills.

Review the list of universities and their programs ahead of time at [www.fredonia.edu/cdo](http://www.fredonia.edu/cdo).

Create a list of programs and questions for the programs you are most interested in.

### FREE BONUS OPPORTUNITY

The Professional Profile Photo booth will be available throughout the CDO Event.

Stop by to take a new profile picture for your email, LinkedIn and online presence!



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