NIU Graduate and Professional School (GPS) Fair

Tuesday, Oct. 17 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Duke Ellington Ballroom • Holmes Student Center

All are welcome • Casual dress • No resumes needed

Steps to GPS Fair Success

Before the Fair

☐ Not sure if graduate school’s right for you? Attend the fair to explore options and learn about exciting graduate programs that are new to you.

☐ It’s never too early to learn about graduate school. Even if it will be a while till you complete your bachelor’s degree, come to the fair to get early information about admission requirements. Early knowledge helps you be a more competitive candidate.

☐ Check out the list of graduate programs attending: careerfairs.niu.edu or through your Huskies Get Hired account.

☐ Choose which schools to visit. In case your time at the fair is limited, prioritize who you’d like to speak with. This is your once-a-year chance to have graduate schools come to you!

☐ Consider what you’d like to ask recruiters. Think of the questions that might be harder to look up on websites—this is a rare chance to speak directly to a program representative.

At the Fair

☐ Arrive as early as you can. Make the most of the fair while recruiters are still fresh and in attendance.

☐ What to bring: A notepad to gather information about graduate programs and a folder or bag for holding information you are given.

☐ Prioritize the schools you want to meet. When you arrive, you will receive a guide to the fair. Use this guide to prioritize and map out recruiter table locations.

☐ Be confident and courteous when you approach program representatives. Recruiters want to meet you and tell you about their graduate programs.

☐ Ask questions about the program, admission requirements, costs, and financial aid opportunities.

☐ Get a free LinkedIn photo. NIU photographers will be available to take your picture.

After the Fair

Use Our Web Resources!

- Check out “Graduate School Planning” under the black Career Resources tab at careerservices.niu.edu.
- Get information about personal statements, choosing a graduate program and application checklists.

Schedule a Career Counseling Appointment

- Call 815-753-1642 to find the counselor for the field of graduate study you’re considering.
- Your career counselor can help:
  - Evaluate your graduate school options
  - Develop a plan for your application essay
  - Prep you for graduate school interviews

Contact Us: Campus Life Building - Room 220  careerservices.niu.edu  815-753-1641