

## Graduate School Forum

In this unique environment, students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from graduate schools from around the country. A list of universities and departments will be available by separate attachment. Participating universities can take this opportunity to promote their schools, departments, and funding opportunities in a relaxed, informal, one-on-one setting.

The Forum will be located in the Exhibit Hall BC next to the Career Center.

### Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 31	7:00 am–9:00 pm*
Monday, Nov. 1	9:00 am–6:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 2	9:00 am–6:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 3	9:00 am–4:30 pm

\*Attendance optional



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# Exploring Graduate School

## Workshop for Individuals Thinking of Graduate School

1:00-2:30 pm

Sunday, October 31, 2010

Long Beach Convention Center  
Room 102B, 1st Floor

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# What's Planned

This informal workshop helps students examine their interests in graduate school and explore university graduate programs.

## Discussion Tables

The workshop is conducted in small groups and includes three discussion tables each covering a specific topic. Students have the opportunity to rotate among the tables as each topic will be covered three times, followed by a short, larger group discussion.

## Help Desk

A Help Desk in the workshop room will also be available for anyone who has questions after attending the discussion groups or questions about job search and interviewing at the annual meetings. Information regarding the Graduate Student Forum will also be available at this help desk.

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### Table 1. Do I really want to go to graduate school and where should I go?

- What's involved? Is this for me? Will this lead to more or less job satisfaction?
- Discuss key factors to consider for graduate school: your recent academic & work experiences, commitments, personal interests, & career goals.
- Learn what professors are looking for, expanded job markets, and career options with a M.S. or Ph.D.

### Table 2. How do I write a good graduate school application and what's important when interviewing for graduate school?

- How to learn about professors & research projects, using web searches and other means.
- Suggestions for interviewing at the annual meetings and follow-up after the meetings.

### Table 3. What opportunities are available for financial support?

- What to look for in financial support and assistantships, including tuition, fees, benefit packages with health care.
- Managing your time, work, school, and money.
- Your role in research projects, travel to meetings, career development, & other projects.

**Each discussion table is led by a professor and graduate student**

#### Workshop Moderators

Dr. Ivan Fernandez, University of Maine  
Dr. Kevin Kephart, South Dakota State Univ.

#### Graduate Student Moderators

Tracy Wilson, Oklahoma State Univ.  
Others TBA