



## Determining Your Graduate School Best Fit

Use this sheet to help keep track of the various institutions you are considering as a comparison.

-It may help to give a score 1-5 (or any ranking that works best for you) to keep track of the schools.

-The characteristics can be adapted/customized to reflect your priorities and values.

<b>Score:</b>	1= worst fit, do not like it	2 = poor fit, not for me	3 = average	4 = decent fit, could see myself there	5 = ideal fit, perfect for me
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Characteristics	Institution #1	Institution #2	Institution #3	Institution #4	Institution #5
	Example: UW				
Size of institution					
Cost of program					
Funding options and opportunities					
Size of program/department					
Reputation					
Representation within department					
Academic rigor					
Location					
Value alignment					
Diversifying your experience					
Living arrangement potential					
Parking and commuting					
Cost of living					
Support network					
Meet prerequisite requirements					
Research interest of faculty					
Networking opportunities					
Thesis/project potential					
Professional development					
Level of autonomy					
Likelihood of acceptance					
Courses offered					
Where are graduates now					
<b>Total Score:</b>	0	0	0	0	0