

# Graduate & Professional School Program Research

Applications are undertakings that require planning, searching for information, and commitment. For reflection questions (about whether it's the right decision for you), for resources to research programs, and for admissions test info, go to [careers.uiowa.edu/students/plan-graduate-and-professional-school](https://careers.uiowa.edu/students/plan-graduate-and-professional-school).

To keep track as you learn about programs, create an Excel spreadsheet with your priorities in one column and then 6-12 programs across the top.

## Potential Priorities

- Acceptance Rates
- Admissions/Program Coordinator contact info
- Application Requirements
- Application Status (Application turned in, Accepted, Rejected, Wait listed?)
- Articles/Books (Seminal works by professors)
- Audition or Portfolio Requirements
- Informational interview of Current Student
- Job Placement Rates
- Potential Faculty Advisors
- Publications (Law/Literary Review, Academic Journals)
- Ranking
- School/program Specific Scholarships
- Size of the Department

## Example Start of an Application Tracking Grid

<b>Type of Degree</b>	Dual JD/MPH (102 s.h.)
<b>Tuition per Semester &amp; Application Fees</b>	~\$21,000 (JD Resident); no app fee ~\$4,500 (MPH Resident)—contact re: fee
<b>Special Aspects of their Program</b>	Professors Agrawal & Gittler (JD); Required practicum & Exec. Presentation workshop (MPH)
<b>Opportunities for Practicums, Internships, Research, if Needed</b>	MHIRT Summer Internship; 4 local hospitals; Iowa Legal Aid + on campus recruitment by employers
<b>Fellowships or Assistantships Available</b>	JD: Research Assistantships for 2nd & 3rd year only—> salary & healthcare subsidy MPH: RAs + TAs
<b>Typical Job Placements or Placements of Recent Alumni</b>	Have Career Center (JD). Private practice; Hospitals; Assistant Attorney General; Health Compliance & Privacy; Network for Public Health Law
<b>Exam Requirements</b>	LSAT (Can use for both)
<b># Letters of Recommendation</b>	2 (Law); 3 (MPH)—call to see if 3 total is okay or if they need 5 total
<b>Essay Requirements</b>	2-3 pages, see webpage for prompt/directions; www.xxxxxxxx.edu
<b>Minimum or Target GPA</b>	Minimum 3.0 (MPH); contact JD for average
<b>Deadlines for Application and for Financial Support</b>	May 1—JD (submit ASAP--start accepting Sept 1) CAS on LSAC for JD; must be admitted to JD first. April 15—SOPHAS for MPH portion; March 1 for Opportunity Award—so apply early
<b>Notes</b>	Professors & students from visit day seem nice; may be difficult to navigate academic advising between the two programs; love Iowa City & wouldn't have to move

As you continue to research, you will eventually want to decide upon a minimum of six schools to apply to (if finances allow). You are aiming to apply to at least two safety schools, two schools where you have a 50/50 chance of acceptance, and two reach schools.