

Stride! Grad App Organizing Spreadsheet
Columns & Descriptions

Column	Description
University	
Program URL	Having the links to the pages in one place makes it easier sometimes
Department	be specific since some universities have multiple departments with research in your desired topic
Subject Degree	Listing the actually awarded degree (is it in Physics? Astronomy? Materials Science?)
Application Deadline	
LOR Deadline	LOR = Letters of Rec.
Fee Waiver Deadline	
Misc. Deadlines	some departments/universities will have other deadlines such as for fellowship consideration
Application Fee	
Fee Waiver?	Is there a fee waiver available? Am I eligible? Who do I email to ask if I'm not obviously eligible?
General GRE Required?	
Physics GRE Required?	
Minimum GRE/GPA requirements	
Potential Faculty Advisor 1	Name, Research Topic, Email
Potential Faculty Advisor 2	Name, Research Topic, Email
Potential Faculty Advisor 3	Name, Research Topic, Email
Reference Writers Submitted	Yes/No Column to track if your writers have submitted their letters to this specific dept/uni
Required essays	Name of essays required plus length (i.e. Character count, word count, number of pages)
Optional essays	Name of essays required plus length (i.e. Character count, word count, number of pages)
Resume/CV Required?	Confirm whether or not this application requires a CV or resume
Your general first impressions	Summarize your overall impressions while looking at this university. Was information easy to find? Did you really like any potential faculty advisors? Anything else that struck you while looking at this school?
Access to Technical Resources	Does this program/department provide access to any special technology? E.g. UC system gets extra Keck time, UCSD has super computers, etc.
Grad Student / Faculty Ratio	Lower is always better; could also make a column for total grad population/typical incoming grad class size
Percent of Female/LGBTQ+/URM/Other Identity Faculty	
Percent of Female/LGBTQ+/URM/Other Identity Students	
Avg Financial Package offered / # of years guaranteed funding	Some schools only guarantee one year of funding at \$25k, while others guarantee 5 years at \$27k. Keep in mind cost of living.
Departmental Statement or Support for Female/LGBTQ+/URM/Other Identity	Does the department have a statement of commitment to diversity and inclusion? Is there a present and active Women in Physics club?
Other Resources for support	Does the department have a mentorship program? Are there regularly scheduled activities for socializing and getting to know your department members?