

Graduate School Workshop



Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center

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California State University, Monterey Bay

This workshop is hosted by California State University, Monterey Bay's (CSUMB) Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center (UROC), and is designed to help you find and apply to research-based graduate programs. The activities below will aid you in preparing for and developing your applications.

Workshop materials: <https://sites.google.com/csumb.edu/workshops/grad-school-101>

Activity Worksheet

- Define what you want to get out of graduate school – consider personal growth and discovery, and list specific knowledge, skills, and training you hope to gain.

- List main keywords/disciplines for searching. Include both broad disciplines (e.g. ecology or engineering) and specific interests (e.g. coral proteomics, VLF communication).

- List attributes and experiences you may include in your personal statement

- Write a short draft of your CV entry for your summer REU experience.

- Use the table below to plan your recommendation letter requests. Across the first row, list potential recommenders. Down the first column, list attributes you would like your recommenders to address. Within the table, add specific details or anecdotes you feel the recommenders could include in their letters that highlight those attributes (and remember to remind your writers of these details when you request your letters).

Attributes	Name:	Name:	Name: