# Why Graduate Education?

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Advance your academic knowledge

Pursue interests more in depth

Contribute to the world's knowledge

Get noticed in today's job market

Obtain a promotion and/or increase in salary

Advance your career in management or leadership

Networking and connections

# Why is Graduate Education Important? Jobs!

Some jobs **require** a master's degree or doctorate.

Those with a graduate degree **earn more** in almost all jobs.

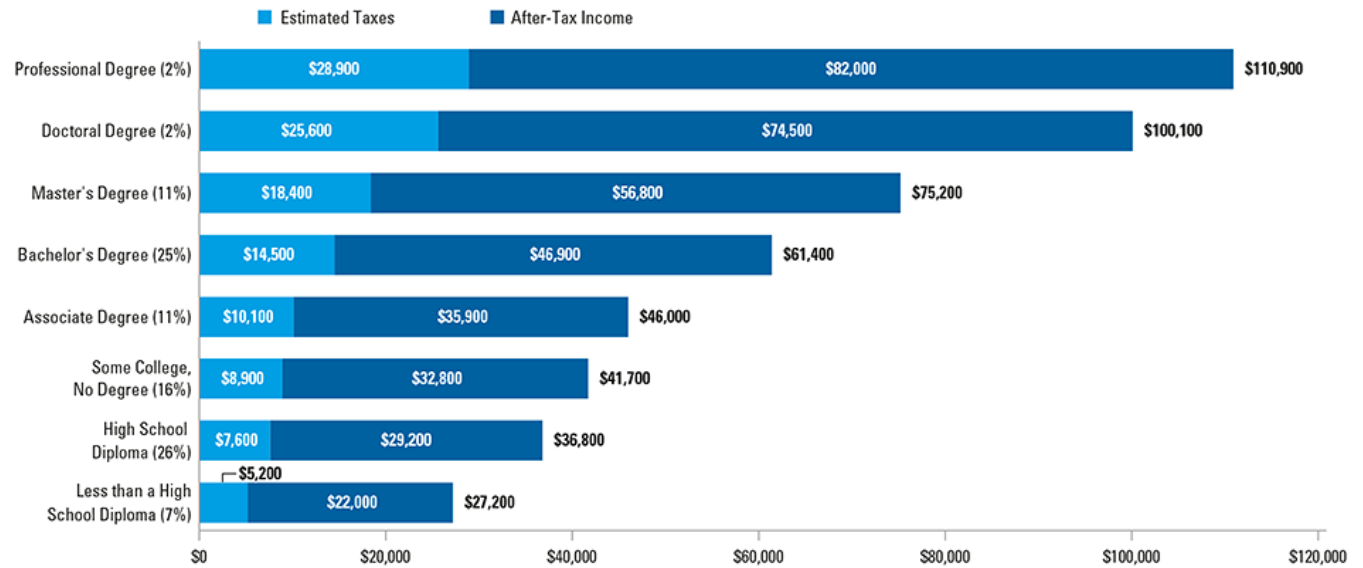Employees with a graduate degree enjoy **greater autonomy** in job duties.

Jobs that require a master's degree at an entry-level are projected to grow by 15% between 2019 and 2029, the fastest across all education levels.

# Median Earnings Full-Time Workers Age 25 and Older, by Education Level

SOURCE: The College Board,

*Education Pays 2016,*

# What are the types of graduate degrees?

< **Master's degrees** (M.A., M.S., M.B.A., M.P.A., M.S.W., M.P.H., M.F.A., M.M., M.A.T., Ed.S.)

- Provides specialized education in specific disciplines

- Provides more work autonomy than bachelor's degrees

- Typically 2 years to complete

- Most students pay tuition, and financial aid is often available

- Leads to careers in industry and K-12 education

# What are the types of graduate degrees?

< **Professional Doctorates** (M.D., D.D.S., J.D., D.V.M., Dr.P.H., Au.D., D.N.P., O.T.D, D.O.T, D.P.T, D.P.A.  Ed.D.)

- Terminal degrees in specific disciplines (ex., medicine, law)

- Most students pay tuition; financial aid varies

- Typically 3-4 years to complete

- Leads to professional careers as doctors, lawyers, dentists, etc.





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# What are the types of graduate degrees?

< **Research Doctorates** (Ph.D.)

• Terminal degrees in academic disciplines

• Tuition is typically waived and stipend paid

• Typically 4+ years to complete

• Leads to careers in industry or university education

# Am I qualified for a graduate program?

< Yes!

< If you have or will have an undergraduate degree

< If you have a strong interest in the subject

< If you are willing to work hard

# Coyote Accelerated Postbaccalaureate Education (CAPE)

< Blended programs are coming!

< Share up to 12 units between undergraduate and master's degrees

< Apply after completing 60 units

< Talk to you department chair!

# What do Admissions Committees Look at in Candidates?

- Grades (but not straight As)
- Standardized test scores (less and less common)
- Letters of recommendation
- Personal statement or letter of intent
- Prior experience (undergraduate research, work, volunteer service)
- Perhaps a writing sample
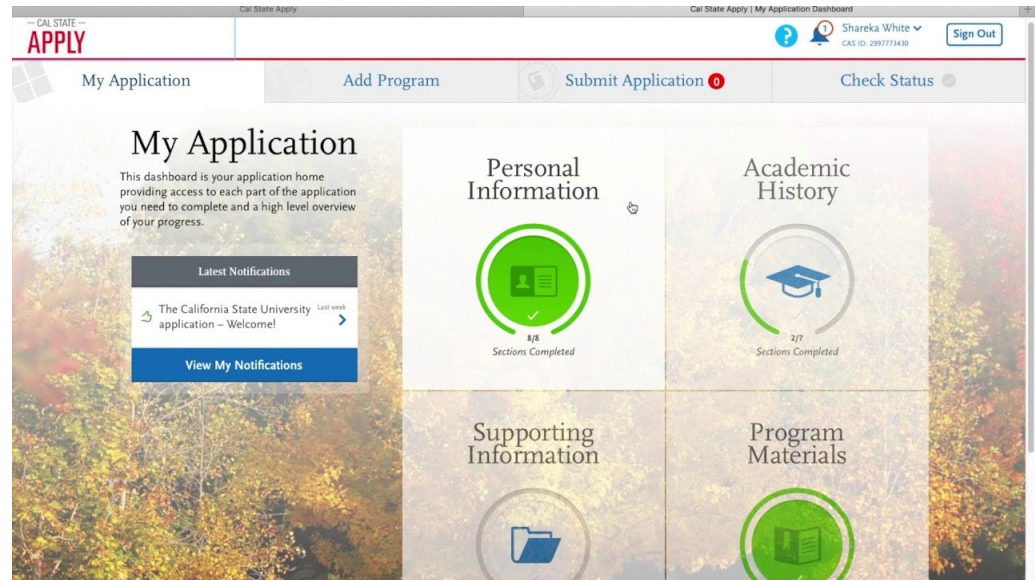- Evidence of work ethic and resilience

# How Do I Find the Right Graduate Program?

< How do I begin searching for programs?

< Which programs would work for my goals?

< What will work for my lifestyle and budget?

< What resources are there for choosing a graduate program?

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# When Should You Apply?

< Check the program's application
deadline NOW to ensure you have time
to prepare your application

< Know the application requirements

< Program deadlines vary

# Financial Opportunities

<   Graduate Equity Fellowship: $500-$2,000 a year.

<   State University Grant

<   Student Research and Travel:

    – Up to $1,000 per academic year

<   California Pre-Doctoral Program:

    – $5,000 funds to explore and prepare for grad school.

<   Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program:

    – Grants, up to $30,000 in forgivable loans, and much more.

<   Merit-Based Presidential Scholarship:

    – NEW non-resident students, up to $6,000 in scholarships per academic year, up to $24,000 total for 4 years.

<   Assistantships

<   Fellowships

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# CSUSB Graduate Alumni Spotlights

< Christopher Burk is a Senior IT Auditor for the California State University. Prior to this, Christopher worked as an InfoSec auditor for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the Inspector General.

< Christopher attended California State University, San Bernardino where he attained his MBA with a concentration in cybersecurity.

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# CSUSB Graduate Alumni Spotlights



< Dr. Lupe Rincon is Associate UX Researcher at JP Morgan Chase & Co.

< She received her M.A. in English Composition from CSUSB and her Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics from The Pennsylvania State University.

# Current Graduate Student Spotlights



< Ivannah George is a dedicated and driven IT professional currently pursuing a Masters degree in Information Systems and Technology with a focus in Cyber Security.

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< David Lopez Sanchez is pursuing a master's in Psychological Science.

< He conducts drug addiction research in Dr. Cynthia Crawford's psychopharmacology lab.

# Erma Cross,
# Recruitment Specialist

< Erma is here to help:

– Guide you to your ideal graduate program

– Assist in the application process

– Be a liaison between you and your graduate program for questions or concerns

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# CSUSB Graduate Studies Support Team?

< Erma Cross

– Navigating which program you would like to apply to and application requirements.

< April Lane

– Completing your Cal State Apply online application and ongoing graduate student resource support services.
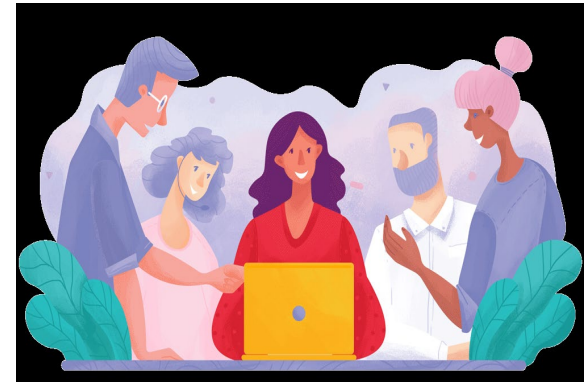
< Megan Kinnally

– Writing a stellar Personal Statement

< Graduate Program Coordinator

– Answering questions about the program, application-specific questions, reviewing your application for admission.

< Human Resources

– Currently a staff member with CSUSB? You may qualify for a tuition fee waiver for graduate school! If you have any questions, please contact hrd-fw@csusb.edu.

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