

## Advisors & Counselors Network

December 8th, 2020

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Collaborate link: see below

Members Present: 71

Welcome:

1. “What is Graduate School and How do I apply?”  
*Elizabeth Farrow & Whitney Smith, Graduate School*
  - A. Elizabeth Farrow – Recruiter for the Graduate School: [farrow@uwm.edu](mailto:farrow@uwm.edu)
  - B. Whitney Smith – Recruiter and Admission and Retention Advisor: [smithwm@uwm.edu](mailto:smithwm@uwm.edu)
  - C. What is graduate school? Is it for you?
  - D. [uwm.edu/graduateschool](http://uwm.edu/graduateschool)
  - E. Questions to Consider:
    - a. When should you go to graduate school?
    - b. What field is right for you?
    - c. What is the terminal degree for your field?
    - d. What degree is required for you to continue your schooling?
  - F. When should I apply?
    - a. Many schools open applications a year prior to the intended start date.
    - b. What is the application deadline?
    - c. Are any standardized tests required?
  - G. Does your current university offer accelerated degrees?
  - H. What does the application process look like?
    - a. Centralized vs. Decentralized
    - b. CAS vs. Standard
  - I. What does the application process look like?
    - a. Requirements for every UWM applicant:
      - i. Application – UWM uses Panthera
      - ii. Application Fee – UWM is \$75 for
        1. Master’s and PhD programs
      - iii. Transcripts – Unofficial vs. Official
      - iv. English Proficiency – If English is not your first language
      - v. Reason Statement
      - vi. Not mentioned: GPA 2.75
    - b. Requirements determined by programs:
      - i. Standardized Tests
      - ii. Letters of Recommendation
      - iii. Writing Sample
      - iv. Portfolio
      - v. Audition
      - vi. Resumé
      - vii. Other Field-Related Materials
  - J. When will you receive a decision?
    - a. This depends on:
      - i. How the program chooses to review applications
      - ii. How far in advance you submitted your application
  - K. What funding is available to Master’s and Doctoral students?
    - a. Assistantships

- i. Approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the more than 5,000 master's and doctoral students receive one of the following assistantships:
      - 1. Teaching Assistantship
      - 2. Project Assistantship
      - 3. Research Assistantship
    - ii. Assistantships generally cover tuition, health care costs and support full-time students.
  - b. Fellowships
    - i. The Graduate School supports and administers five intramural fellowship programs for master's and doctoral students:
      - 1. Distinguished Graduate Student Fellows
      - 2. Doctoral Dissertator Fellows
      - 3. Advanced Opportunity Program Fellows
      - 4. Chancellor Graduate Awards Fellows
      - 5. Research Excellence Awards Fellows
    - ii. And philanthropic fellowships:
      - 1. Graduate Student Excellence Fellows
      - 2. Levine Science Fellows
      - 3. Other Fellowships May Be Available
    - iii. Many fellowships include the following benefits:
      - 1. Yearly Stipend
      - 2. Tuition Coverage
      - 3. Health Insurance
      - 4. Travel Award for Research and Presentations
  - c. Contact Info:
    - i. [gradschool@uwm.edu](mailto:gradschool@uwm.edu)
    - ii. 414-229-6569
    - iii. [uwm.edu/graduateschool](http://uwm.edu/graduateschool)
- 2. Campus Announcements:
  - a. Athletics: cert forms have been sent out. Due December 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Nursing: any students applying to professional major for Fall 2021 the application is open. Jan 2nd closes. <https://uwm.edu/nursing/academics/apply/>
  - c. SSC: Tutors website is open and remaining up to date.
  - d. Math 75 students that retook Alex placement. Advisors got info and their placement has been changed in PAWs.

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**Next ACN Meeting: January 12, 2020 8:30-10:00 am, Collaborate Ultra**

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