GRADUATE SCHOOL: YOUR NEXT STEP TO SUCCESS AT FRESNO STATE

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Presentation Outline

• Why is it important?
• Tips on how to take the next step?
• How to navigate the application process?
• How to finance your education?
• Fresno State’s Division of Graduate Studies
• The Graduate Net Initiative
Why is graduate school important?

- Necessary for your desired professional field
- May increase your options and professional prospects
- May improve your career
- Financial stability
- Serves to satisfy your intellectual curiosity and spark passion
Graduate Degree Statistics

In 2014 the percentage of adults in the U.S. with a graduate or professional degree was:

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<th>Type of Graduate Degree Awarded</th>
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Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment

Unemployment rate in 2014 (%)

Doctoral degree: 2.1
Professional degree: 1.9
Master's degree: 2.8
Bachelor's degree: 3.5
Associate's degree: 4.5
Some college, no degree: 6.0
High school diploma: 6.0
Less than a high school diploma: 9.0

All workers: 5%

Median weekly earnings in 2014 ($)

Doctoral degree: $1,591
Professional degree: $1,639
Master's degree: $1,326
Bachelor's degree: $1,101
Associate's degree: $792
Some college, no degree: $741
High school diploma: $668
Less than a high school diploma: $488

All workers: $839

Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
What Program?

What you love

What you do well

What the world needs
What You Love & Do Well

Take an assessment

• **Interests:**
  – [www.kuder.com](http://www.kuder.com) & Strong Interest Inventory

• **Skills:**
  – [www.kuder.com](http://www.kuder.com)

• **Values:**

• **Personality:**
  – Keirsey Temperament

• **Lifestyle:**
  – [www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org)
Three Assessments Available

• **Interest:**
  – Connect your top interests with career clusters.
  – Choose what activity you like to do the most to least
  – Your highest interests will be matched with careers

• **Confidence (Skills):**
  – What do you believe you're good at doing?
  – Rate how confident you are about accomplishing an activity
  – Review and explore careers that need those skills

• **Values:**
  – Learn what's most important to you
  – Rate how important work-related values are to you
  – Your values will be matched with careers

Dr. Frederic Kuder (1903-2000)
Premier inventor of vocational assessments
16 Career Clusters

- Review in each section
- Look for similarities
Personality:

• How you relate to the world
  – Introverted vs Extraverted
  – Need a Plan vs “Wing it”
Keirsey Temperament

MBTI: Four Preferences

Source of energy

E
Extraversion

Introversion

I

Way of gathering information

S
Sensing

iNtuition

N

Decision making

T
Thinking

Feeling

F

How you relate to the external world

J
Judgment

Perception

P
Caution!!!

• No test can exactly measure you

• It can only describe the “family” to which you belong

• Don’t pre-determine how you want the test to come out

• You’re looking for patterns rather than a definitive picture that tells you exactly what you should do
What the World/University Needs

- Research Job Market and Outlook
  - Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH)
  - O*Net
- Speak with Managers/Human Resources
  - Familiarize yourself with university Org
- Review job postings
  - www.fresnostate.edu/adminserv/hr/jobs/

Summary Report for:
21-1012.00 - Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors

Counsel individuals and provide group educational and vocational guidance services.

Sample of reported job titles: Academic Advisor, Academic Counselor, Advisor, Career Center Director, Career Counselor, Career Services Director, College Counselor, Counselor, Guidance Counselor, School Counselor

Tasks

- Counsel individuals to help them understand and overcome personal, social, or behavioral problems affecting their educational or vocational situations.
- Provide crisis intervention to students when difficult situations occur at schools.
- Confer with parents or guardians, teachers, administrators, and other professionals to discuss children's progress, resolve behavioral, academic, and other problems, and to determine priorities for students and their resource needs.
- Maintain accurate and complete student records as required by laws, district policies, and administrative regulations.
- Prepare students for later educational experiences by encouraging them to explore learning opportunities and to persevere with challenging tasks.
Fresno State Graduate Application Process

**CSU Mentor Application**
- ✓ $55 Processing Fee

**Program Application**
- ✓ Bachelor’s Degree
- ✓ Program Prerequisites
- ✓ GPA 2.5- 3.0
- ✓ Qualifying Exams (i.e. GRE, LSAT, GMAT, CBEST, etc.)
- ✓ Personal Statement
- ✓ Writing Samples
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation
Financing Your Graduate Education

- Financial Aid Office
  - Financial Aid Grants
  - Loans
- Scholarships
  - Local, National
- Fellowships & Assistantships
- External Grants
- Employee Fee Waiver!
How many of you have taken advantage of the fee waiver?

200 Fresno State employees (Staff, Administrators and Faculty)
17 employees from other campuses or dependent
>100 Staff Members use it
Employee Fees that are Waived Include:

- CSU Admission Application Fee (one campus only)
- Identification Card Fee
- State University Fee (Tuition Fee)*
- Instructionally Related Activity Fee
- Health Services Fee

Employee Fees that are Reduced to $1.00 Include:

- Student Body Center Fee
- Student Body Association Fee
- Health Facilities Fee
Division of Graduate Studies

• Provides comprehensive services of programs
• Help with the application process
• Serves as a bridge to all programs and program coordinators
• Financial Aid opportunities
  – Travel Grants (In state and out of state)
  – Fellowships (Graduate Equity and President’s)
  – Internships (Pre Doc and CDIP)
• Visit them at www.fresnostate.edu/gradstudies
Graduate Net Initiative

Program Services

• Outreach Specialist
  – Navigate Graduate Admission Process

• Research Fellows Cohort
  – Mentoring support

• Expansion of Campus Resources
  – Resource Hub
  – Digital Seminars
  – Access to online writing consultants and statistics consultants
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Thank you!