If you are thinking about pursuing graduate education or professional school, now it is time to start narrowing down the possibilities. Grad School 101: Navigating the Application Process is a FREE conference for UMBC students that will guide you through the challenges and put a plan in motion.

**Schedule:**

4:00 pm **Registration & Buffet** – **Connect with select Graduate Programs offered at UMBC.**

**Representatives from the following areas will be available:**

UMBC Test Prep: GRE & LSAT The Graduate School at UMBC

Meyerhoff Graduate Fellows Program Applied Developmental Psychology

Biological Sciences Molecular & Cell Biology

Neurosciences & Cognitive Sciences Economic Policy Analysis

Public Policy Sociology

Management of Aging Services

*Division of Professional Studies:*

Biotechnology Cybersecurity

Engineering Management Geographic Information Systems

Health Information Technology Instructional Systems Development

I/O Psychology Music Entrepreneurship  
Systems Engineering TESOL

5:00 pm **Welcome***Christine Routzahn, Director, UMBC Career Center***Navigating the Application Process***K. Jill Barr, J.D., Assistant Dean, Graduate School, UMBC  
Gay Warshaw, Recruitment & Admissions, Graduate School, UMBC*Are you overwhelmed by the graduate school application process and not certain of where to start? If so, this session will help you understand the basics of applying to graduate programs, from testing to obtaining letters of recommendation.

5:50 pm **Break**

6:00 pm **Personal Statements That Get Attention**

*April L. Householder, Ph.D., Assistant Director, UMBC McNair Scholars Program and*

*Adjunct Faculty, Department of Gender and Women's Studies,  
Jacqueline King. Ph.D., Assistant Director, MARC U\*STAR &****Collin Overby,*** Program Coordinator, UMBC Meyerhoff Scholars Program  
  
Drafting a personal statement can be a tricky part of the application process. During this session, you will learn about what schools look for in a statement, and understand the structure of what a personal statement should include. In addition, you will learn the basics of asking for a letter of recommendation.

6:40 pm **Funding Your Graduate Education**

*Elizabeth Brooks, Financial Aid Counselor, Financial Aid and Scholarships*

Are financial concerns causing you to doubt whether graduate or professional school is possible for you? If so, join us to learn how to manage the cost of a graduate school education.

7:15 pm **Graduate and Professional School Student Panel**

*Romy Huebler*

*Ph.D. Candidate in Language, Literacy, and Culture Program*

*University of Maryland Baltimore County*

* *Also received her M.A. in Intercultural Communication from UMBC*

*Maurice Joseph  
Doctoral Candidate  
George Washington University's Professional Psychology Program*

*Zulqarnain "Sono" Khan  
M.D. Candidate   
University of Maryland, School of Medicine   
  
Dr. Sanjeev Varghese  
Juris Doctorate, Law Candidate  
University of Baltimore, School of Law   
- Also received his M.D. from the Medical University of Lublin  
  
Merrie Winfrey  
Master of Arts Candidate in Instructional Systems Development  
University of Maryland Baltimore County   
- Also received her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law and MA in English from the University of Alabama*

**Moderator:**

***Ken Baron, PhD, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Advising and Student Success  
Office for Academic and Pre-Professional Advising***

Learn the basics about graduate and professional school admissions from our panel of students and alumni. Obtain an inside look into their educational experiences, how they prepared for graduate and professional school, and suggestions they have for current students considering graduate/ professional school in their future.

8:00 pm **Closing & Door Prizes**

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