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:**

4:30 pm **Registration & Dinner 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

Applied Developmental Psychology Applied Sociology

Biotechnology Bioregulatory Engineering

Cybersecurity Education- TESOL

Economic Policy Analysis Engineering Management & Systems Engineering

Geographic Information Systems Gerontology

Health Information Technology Industrial Organizational Psychology

Intercultural Communication Intercultural E-Training and E-Instruction

Instructional Systems Development Mechanical Engineering

Public Policy

5:30 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.

6:20 pm **Personal Statements That Get Attention**

*Jacqueline King, Ph.D., Assistant Director, MARC U\*STAR &
Ivanna Abreu****,*** Program Coordinator, 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.

7:00 pm **Break**

7:10 pm **Graduate and Professional School Student Panel**

**Alumni Panel Members:**

 *Sergiu Costinas*

*M.D. Candidate
University of Maryland, School of Medicine*

*Rasheeda Johnson*

*Ph.D. Candidate in Epidemiology and Public Health*

*University of Maryland, Baltimore*

*Megan Micco*

*Juris Doctorate, Law Candidate
University of Baltimore, School of Law*

*Jessica Moreno*

*Master of Arts Candidate in Strategic Communication*

*American University*

*John Rattray*

*Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Engineering*

 *Johns Hopkins University*

*Ozell Sanders*

*Ph.D. Candidate, Rehabilitation Science*

*University of Maryland, Baltimore*

*Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering, May 2011*

*University of Maryland, Baltimore County*

**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.

7:45 pm **Closing & Door Prizes**

**THANK YOU**

We would like to thank members of the UMBC community that have offered their time and talents to make the Grad School 101 event a success:

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