# **Some Factors to Consider When Choosing Your Graduate School or Program**

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| **Academic factors to consider** | **School 1** | **School 2** | **School 3** | **School 4** | **School 5** |
| Reputation/ranking of the institution and program  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Your research interest align w/faculty |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student: Faculty Ratio |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quality of research facilities (e.g., labs, libraries) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Funding (amount, length, types-GA,GRA, TA, requirements) |  |  |  |  |  |
| English language support for international students |  |  |  |  |  |
| Requirements (GPA, test scores, letters of recommendation) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time/part-time program |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Social/Emotional factors to consider** | **School 1** | **School 2** | **School 3** | **School 4** | **School 5** |
| Health and wellness resources |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mentoring support |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professional development resources (academic and nonacademic) and conference travel |  |  |  |  |  |
| DEI- representation, social climate, scholarships, programs, and support system in the department, graduate school, and university |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student organizations |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Living and Commuting factors to consider** | **School 1** | **School 2** | **School 3** | **School 4** | **School 5** |
| Cost of living and availability of affordable housing (on and off campus) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Geographic location |  |  |  |  |  |
| Childcare resources (if you are a parent) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bus/Train Routes |  |  |  |  |  |
| Local schools |  |  |  |  |  |
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