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How to apply for graduate programs

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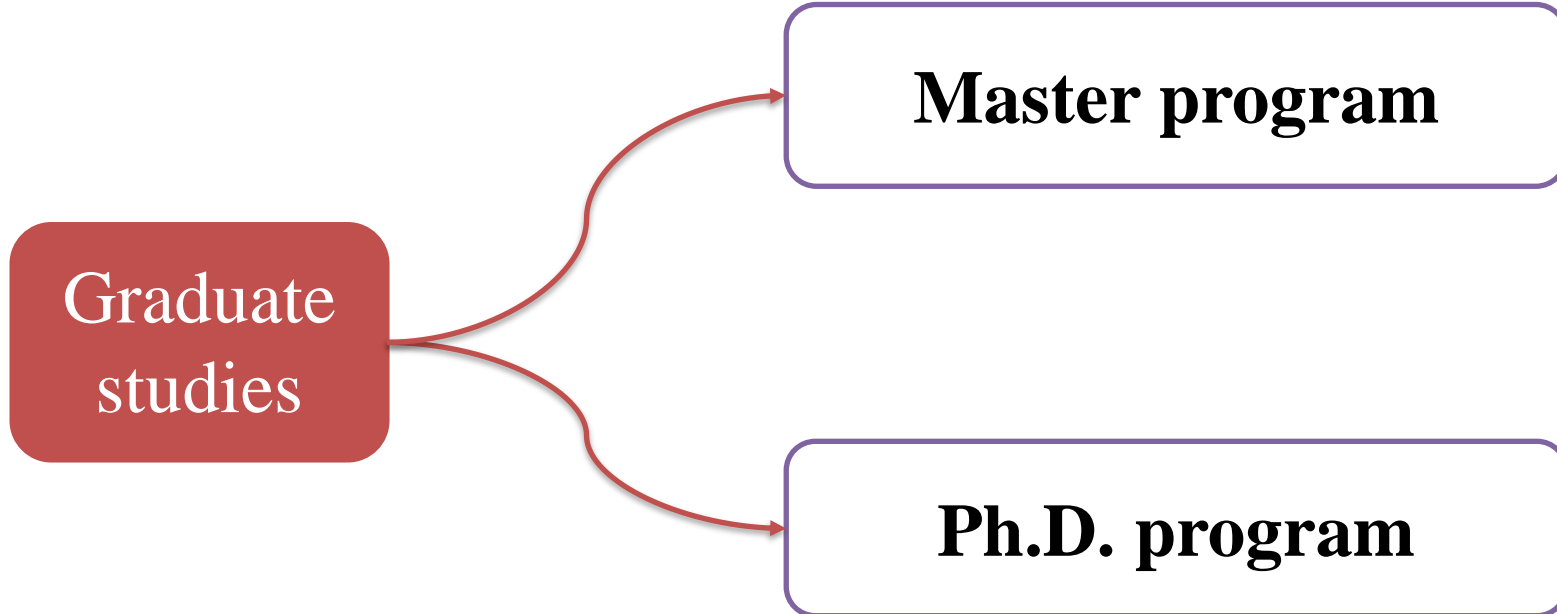
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What is the scholarship?

- A grant or payment given to support the undergraduate students in their graduate studies



Who provided these scholarship?

- Scholarships are provided through

Governments

Universities /
Colleges

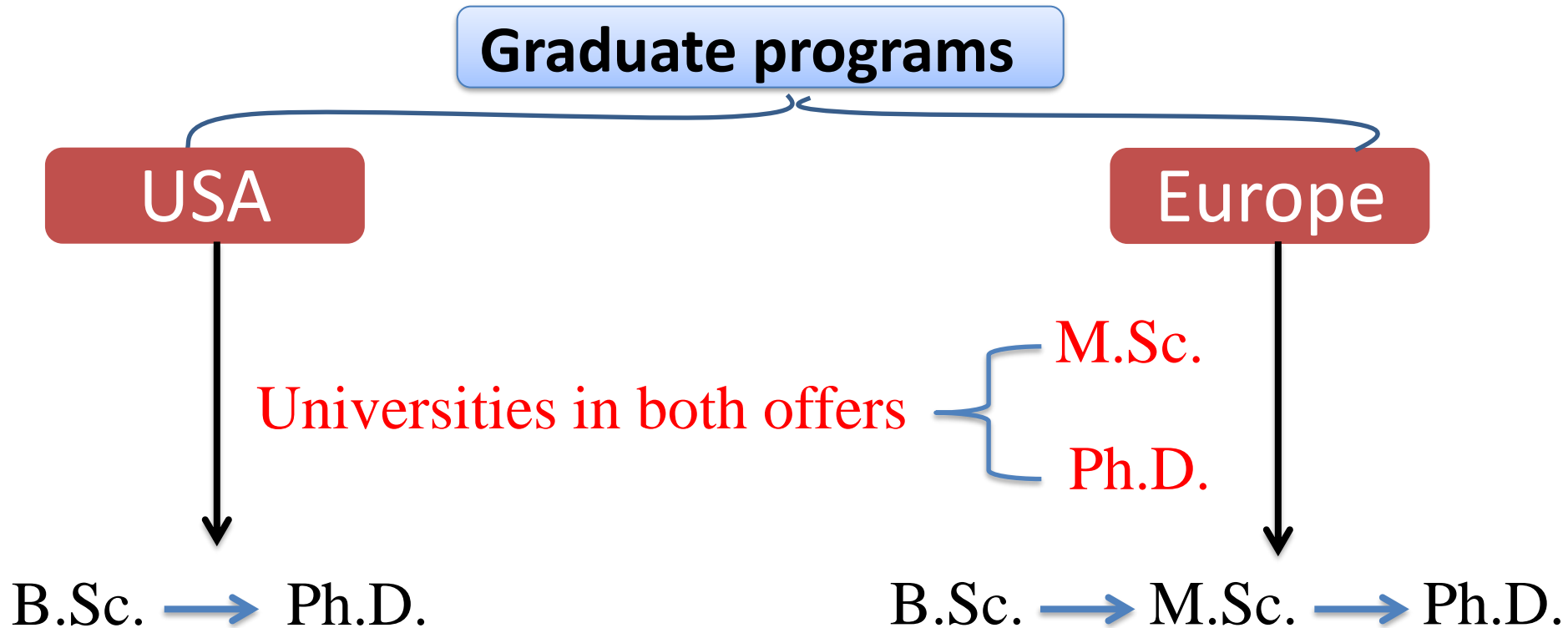
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Foundations

Projects with
professors

Graduate studies offered by Universities / Colleges

- Many universities and institutes around the world offer graduate programs in different fields for undergraduate students



What you need to apply?

1) Determine your step:

(a) M.Sc. / Ph.D. / both

(b) USA / Europe / both

2) Choose the universities for which you will apply

(a) Offering your desired program

(b) Faculty research matching your interests

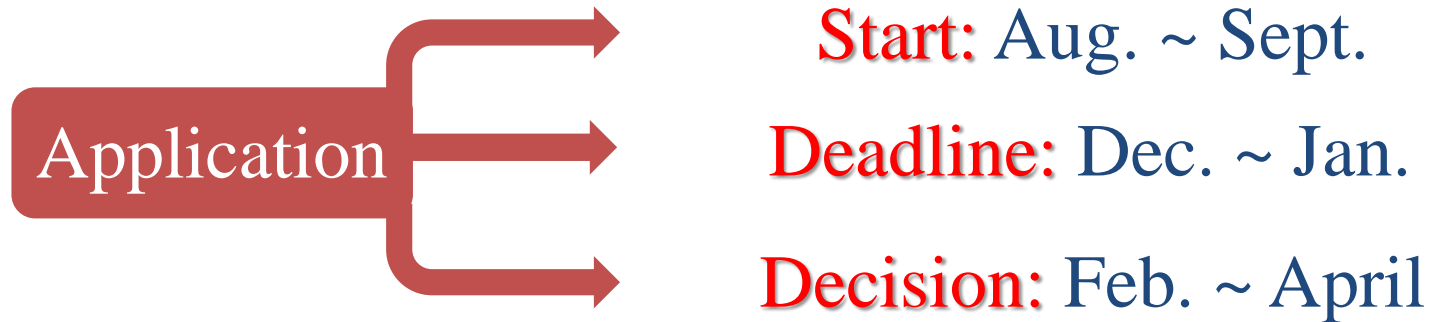
(c) Qualifications matching admission requirements

(d) Program Ranking (Competition)

(e) External factors (financial assistance, geographic location, student life, etc.)

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1) Typical Application Timeline

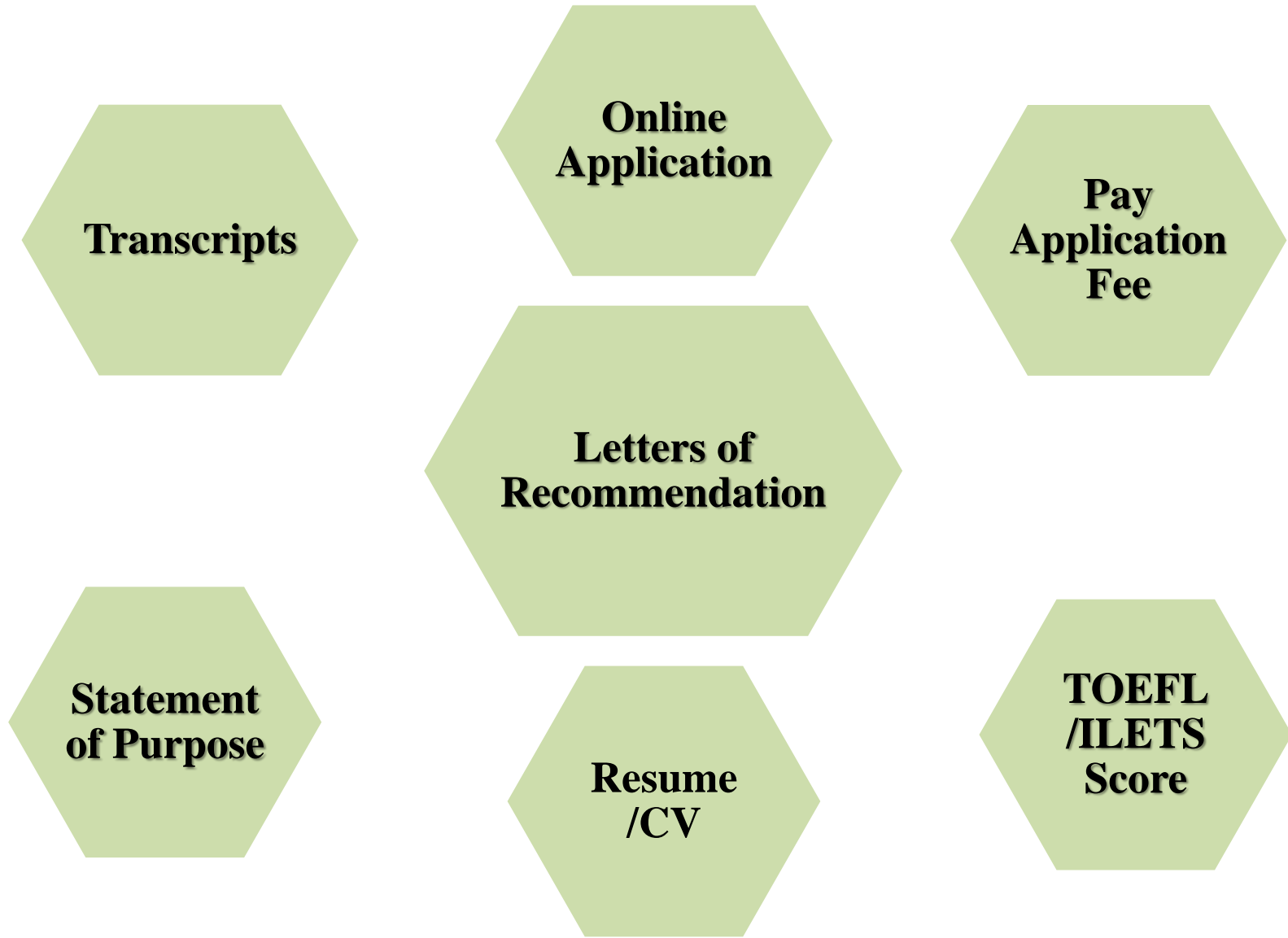


2) Prepare your application materials

- ➔ Be sure you meet the requirements & deadline
- ➔ Create a timeline for the schools
- ➔ Study for & take TOEFL / IELTS
- ➔ Contact your referees to write their letters

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3) The Application Package:



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(A) Online Application Portal

- (i) Personal information
- (ii) Geographic location
- (iii) Schools / Degrees
- (iv) Self-report TOEFL / IELTS score
- (vi) Documents (CV, SOP, Publications, course list, etc.)
- (vii) Contact of your referees

(B) Transcripts

Unofficial transcripts (digital PDF) are uploaded through your school's application portal

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(C) Statement of Purpose (SOP)

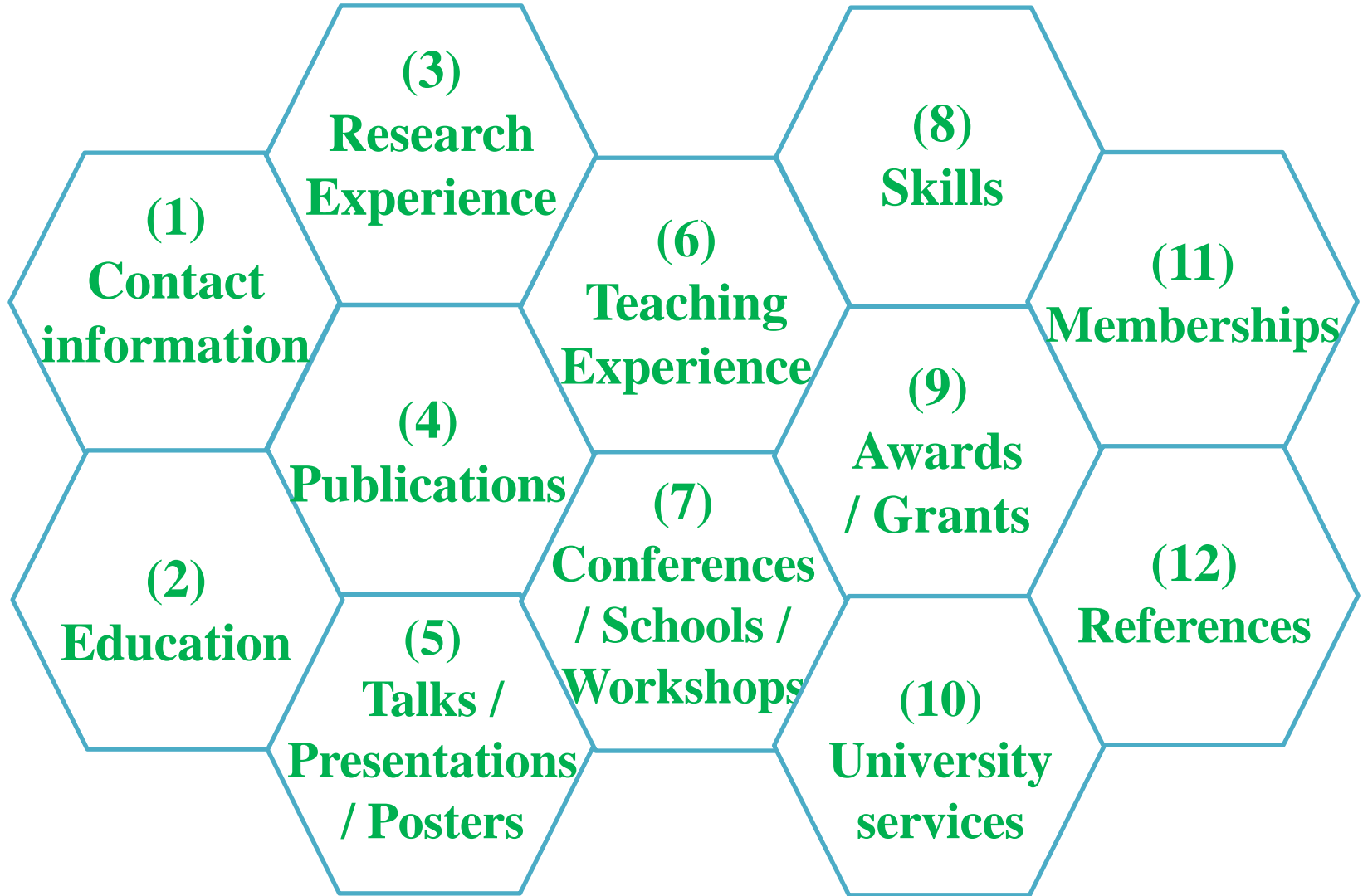
Your **SOP** should provide information like:

- ➔ Physics background and previous research experience
- ➔ Motivation for graduate studies / plans for future career
- ➔ Why you interested in pursuing graduate study at this university
- ➔ Current research interests including faculty members you are interested in their research
- ➔ Other experience that may be relevant to your experience in physics
- ➔ Any educational, familiar, cultural, economic, and social challenges

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(D) Curriculum Vitae (CV) / Resume

Your **CV** should include sections as:



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(E) TOEFL / IELTS score

- Be sure you have the required overall score. May sub-score in speaking, writing, reading, and listening be required
- TOEFL / IELTS score → upload your self report score to the application portal
- Have your official score sent directly from the testing agency to the school's graduate admission office

Note

Some universities may waive the English requirement if you have documentation that English is your language of instruction

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(F) Pay Application Fee

→ Every university specify the value of it application fee for the graduate programs

→ This fee – usually due via an online payment after you are ***finished*** and everything you need to upload (unofficial transcripts, CV, SOP, etc.) is complete and you are ready to submit your application

Note

Some universities may waive the application fee via **“application fee waiver request form”** or contacting the **graduate program coordinator** in case you are unable to pay this fee

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(G) Letters of recommendation

Your should consider the following in your application:

- ➔ Most apps require a min. of 3: Pro tip – ask 4 in case one is delayed.
- ➔ Choose writers who know you well and can speak to your goals, initiative, motivation, and curiosity during class, and commitment to graduate study
- ➔ Select referees who can comment on your potential as a researcher and a scholar, such as a faculty member (preferred)

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(G) Letters of recommendation

- **Do everything you can for your reference:**
 - Provide the details on what you're applying for.
 - Provide a resume or other materials so they can see the “big picture” of who you are outside of class and in other areas of your life
 - Let them know to expect an email notification from an online application system, and to check their spam folder just in case.
 - Give them a due-date that is earlier than you actually need it to be submitted.

How to Pay for Graduate School

Types of funding and support

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Assistantships

Scholarships

Loans

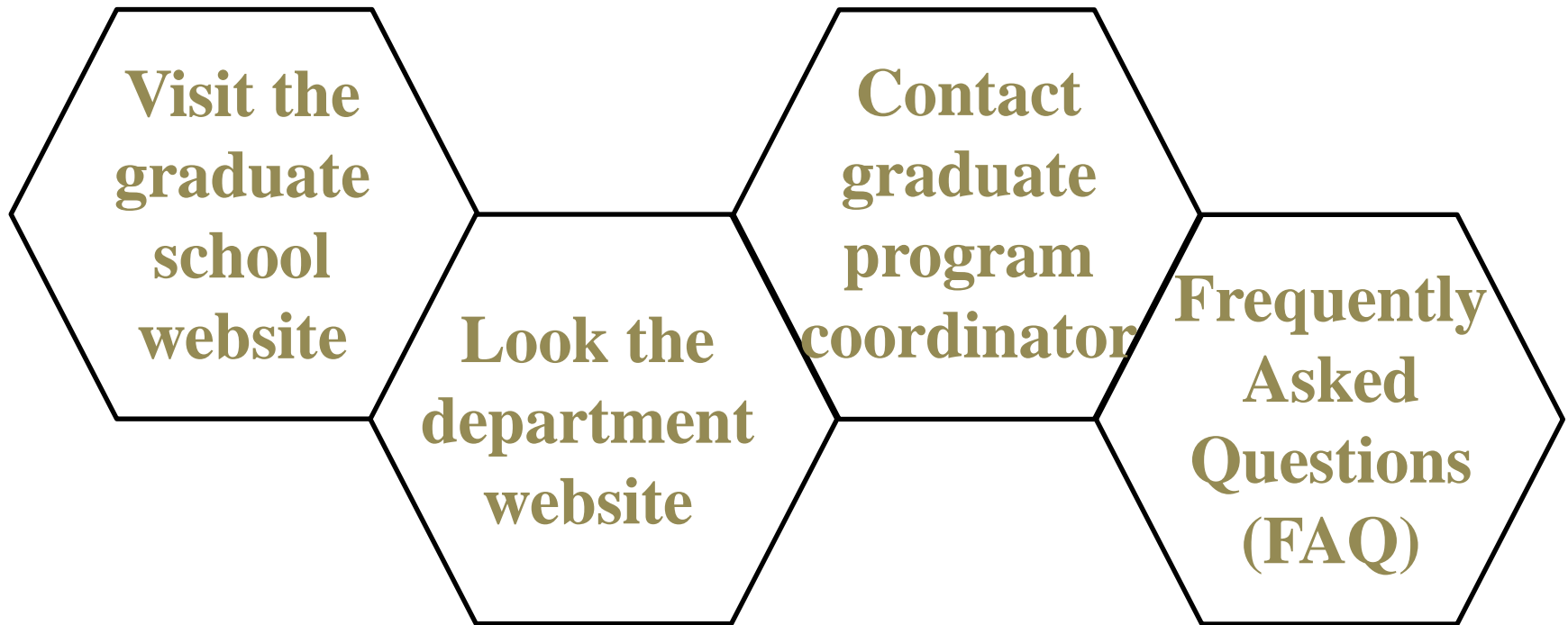
**Fellowships
& Grants**

A job or paid academic appointment and is classified in three types:

- Research Assistant (**GRA**): Work on research project
- Teaching Assistant (**GTA**): Teach courses
- Graduate Assistant (**GA**): clerical, administrative, or technical work

How to get answers for your questions?

You can find the information you need about the graduate application via



Thank you for coming !