

McNair Scholars Program Central Michigan University

SRI HANDOUT QUICK LINKS FOR RESEARCHING GRADUATE PROGRAMS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The university hosts a website that provides a list of links to rankings of graduate school and research programs. Each link has a brief description of where you can obtain methodology of ranking procedures as well as a summary of each website. Be sure to read the “caution and controversy” link on this page so that you understand the benefits and limitations of such rankings.

www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/rankgrad.htm

U.S. News and World Reports

In addition to looking through the U.S. News and World Reports annual graduate program ranking hard copy issue (available in the resource room), you can go online to their website and get much more program information (i.e. internal funding opportunities, percent admitted, etc.). There is a McNair log-in and access code for the premium online edition on the resource room computers. We have purchased an individual membership for scholars in the past, but have found that not everyone took full advantage of this resource. Let us know if you think you would actually utilize it, and if so, we will consider purchasing an individual membership. You should gain a clearer idea of whether this will be helpful to you once you get further into the graduate school research process. Directions on how to access the site are located in the resource room.

<http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools>

Peterson's

Sign-up for a free account and access detailed information on graduate programs including: rankings, admissions requirements (average test scores and GPA), cost of study, faculty, funding opportunities, etc.

www.petersons.com

Gradschools.com

Another good search engine is gradschools.com – you can also sign-up for a free account and access detailed information on graduate programs here. You can save your searches as well. Keep in mind that it really depends on how much information the school/program has supplied to these sites as to how much information you will actually find. For some fields, there will be a huge amount, and for others, much more limited. Good luck in your search!

www.gradschools.com