Questions to Ask Graduate Students & Faculty

Career Paths
1. What career does this graduate program prepare its students for?
2. What careers do students typically end up in after graduation?
3. What is the average salary for a graduate of this program?
4. What is the job market projection in this field? Will there be jobs available for graduates?
5. How does this program incorporate professional development?
6. Are there ample networking opportunities for students in this program?

Program Culture
1. Does your program follow the cohort model?
2. Would you describe you program's culture as more competitive or collaborative?
3. Are there many group projects?
4. Are faculty advisors available to address student concerns?
5. How often to students socialize outside of the classroom?
6. What does a typical day for a student in this program look like?

Student-Faculty Relationships
1. Are students given the opportunity to form close relationships with faculty members?
2. Are faculty members down-to-earth/personable/approachable?
3. Do students have the opportunity to assist faculty with research?

Application Process
1. Can you briefly explain your program's application process?
2. How much does [GPA/recommendation letters/GRE score] weigh in the admissions decision?
3. What are characteristics/skills/knowledge/experiences are admissions personnel looking for when deciding whether to admit an applicant?

Financing
1. Does your college or program provide scholarship opportunities for students?
2. Are their paid internships or assistantships available?
3. Are research stipends provided?
4. Is the program affordable?

Time Management
1. Is maintaining a balance between school, work, and personal life achievable?
2. What are some techniques you use to manage your time well?
3. What would you say is the level of difficulty of the program?

Additional questions

1. Workload/level of difficulty/time commitment
2. Comps versus thesis
3. What happens after you graduate?
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