Questions to Ask During a Graduate Admissions Interview

* What characteristics distinguish this program from others?
* Where are recent alumni employed? What do most students do after graduation?
* What types of financial aid are offered? What criteria are used for choosing recipients?
* Are there any scholarships or fellowships available? How do I apply?
* Are there teaching opportunities, such as teaching assistantships and adjunct positions, for current students?
* Do most students publish an article or present a paper before graduation?
* What planned practical experiences are included in the program (i.e. internships)? Ask for examples of internship placements
* What is the relative importance of admission test scores, undergraduate grades, recommendations, statements on applications, experience, and other requirements?
* Does the department prefer applicants immediately out of undergraduate programs or are applicants with work experience preferred?
* If experience is preferred, what kind of experience is the department looking for?
* How do graduate students obtain research experience? Are they assigned to labs or do they choose labs on their own?
* How are mentors assigned to students?

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