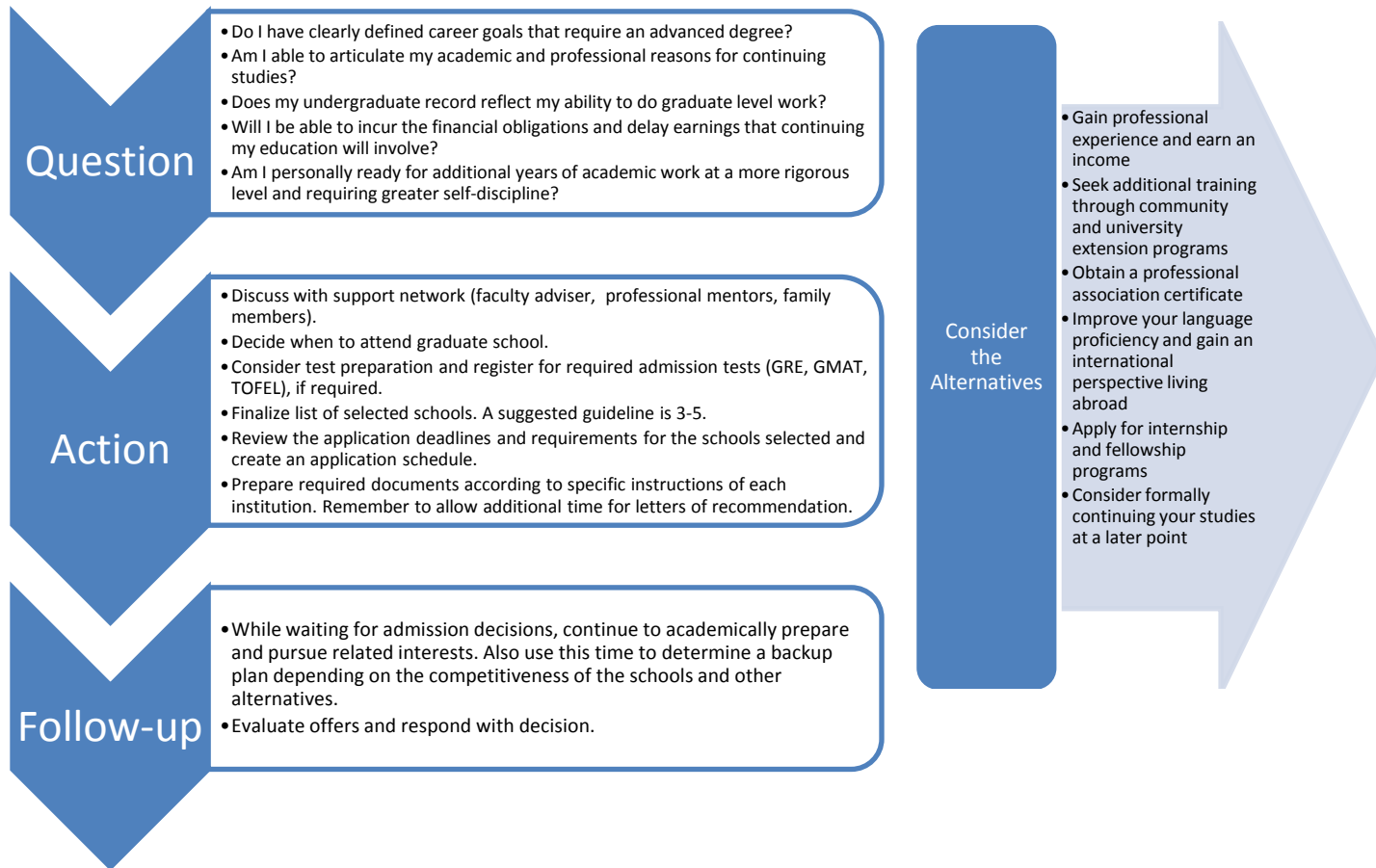




Postgraduate Studies: Is it for me? If so, when and where?

Next Steps



Making the Comparison



Hints

- Consider the strengths of the program in your field more than the general reputation of the university.
- Ask professionals and faculty in the field you intend to pursue for their advice on specific programs.
- Network and discuss your interests at academic conferences and lectures.
- Go to the library and review journals in your field. See which professors are doing research and publishing in your area of interest.
- Visit the schools that you are interested in, if possible, and talk with faculty and current graduate students for a better perspective.
- Rankings are a useful indicator; however don't rely solely on them. Find the program that is the best fit for your academic pursuits.

Academic	Research	Professional
Both coursework and research completed in a specific discipline; thesis or dissertation typically required. Especially important for work in academic and consulting fields.	Heavily focused on research and thesis required to complete degree. Generally needed to obtain professional position in research field.	Might include practicum or require professional experience. Thesis not generally completion requirement. Licensing test offered at completion of some programs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts (M.A.) • Master of Science (M.S.) • Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) • Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Doctor (M.D.) • Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) • Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) • Master of Education (M.Ed.)

What is Important to Me?

Create a comparison chart. Items on the chart might include: application deadline, admission requirements, total estimated annual cost (tuition, fees, and living), estimated length to complete degree, information about the location and student environment, schedule possibilities (full-time/part-time, weekdays, nights), key faculty members, areas of expertise, degree emphasis, strengths of program, weaknesses of program, and any other items that address the question: what is important to me?

<i>What is Important to Me?</i>	<i>Program # 1</i>	<i>Program #2</i>	<i>Program #3</i>

Financial Planning

Develop a separate budget worksheet for each option you are considering. This is a general idea to get you started. Adapt to meet your specific situation.

Item	Amount per year
Tuition and fees	+
Books and supplies	+
Travel and transportation expenses	+
Estimated housing and living cost	+
Personal expenses	+
Other financial obligations: _____	+
Scholarships and awards	-
Possible employment	-
Other sources of income: _____	-
Years of attendance	X
Estimated total cost	=

Additional Resources

Pursuing Further Study at HKU

Taught Postgraduate Admission
(www.asa.hku.hk/admissions/tpg/frontpage/welcome.htm)
Guide to Application For Admission (MPhil and PhD Studies) at HKU
(www0.hku.hk/gradsch/web/apply/guide1213/index.html)

Pursuing Further Study Overseas

Study in Canada- Council of Ministers of Education (www.cmec.ca)
Study in the Commonwealth (www.acu.ac.uk/study_in_the_commonwealth/study)
Study in UK – British Council (www.britishcouncil.org/hongkong.htm)
Study in US – EducationUSA (educationusa.state.gov)
Study in Europe – European Union (europa.eu/eu-life/education-training)
Study in Germany – DAAD (www.daad.de)

If the country you are interested in is not listed, contact the nearest consulate about official higher education options.

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