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How PharmGrad Can Enhance Your Admissions Process

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What is PharmGrad?

- A centralized application service to apply to multiple master's, Ph.D., and certificate programs offered by colleges and schools of pharmacy.

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The Pharmacy Graduate Application Service (or PharmGrad) is a centralized application service to apply to multiple master's, PhD, and certificate programs offered by colleges and schools of pharmacy. PharmGrad provides access to individual pharmacy graduate degree program admission requirements in an easy-to-find and standardized format.

PharmGrad can (1) help to simplify the application process for prospective graduate students in pharmaceutical, clinical, regulatory and administrative sciences programs and (2) facilitate the admissions process for participating programs.

Why PharmGrad? (for Programs)

- Nationwide promotion of your pharmaceutical, clinical, regulatory and administrative sciences programs so you can reach a broader spectrum of applicants.

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Key Benefits for Participating PharmGrad Programs:

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Here is a brief look at the WebAdMIT dashboard where you land once you log into your account. It includes an overview of your applications, their statuses, and access to WebAdMIT's various tools. Below are five main areas of the Dashboard:

1. **Page Header:** Displays details such as your name and school, the CAS logo, and the Cycle Switcher, where when applicable, a drop-down appears, allowing you to toggle to a different CAS or cycle.
2. **Splash Message:** Displays messages from Liaison and does not appear unless there is at least one posted message.
3. **Menu Bar:** Contains the tools you can use to search, manage, and analyze your applicant pool, and provides access to support and training resources.
4. **Applicant Channels:** Provides a snapshot of recent and upcoming activities, including recently updated applicants and recently submitted designations.
5. **Status Channels:** Provides a numeric count of applications during each stage in your admissions process.

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What Programs Can Participate?

- Every graduate pharmacy degree or certificate-granting program can elect to use PharmGrad for its admissions.
- Current eligible programs:
  - Master's (thesis and non-thesis based)
  - Ph.D.
  - Certificates

How to Participate

- Participation in PharmGrad is voluntary and available at no cost to all AACP member programs.

- Participating programs are asked to sign an agreement with AACP to use the service but can opt out at any time.

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Interested programs are asked to sign a participation agreement with AACP to use the service. AACP staff can provide the current participation agreement upon request, so you are able to review the information. Email us at cas@aacp.org.

PharmGrad Features

- The PharmGrad fee for applicants is a flat $50 fee for each program applied to.

- Programs can purchase coupon codes directly from Liaison for any applicant whose application fee they wish to cover.

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- If desired, programs can purchase coupon codes directly from Liaison for any applicant whose application fee they wish to cover.

PharmGrad Features

- Application opens in August and closes in July.
- Flexible deadlines (choose any date between the August launch and July close)
- Service allows programs to accept applications outside of the service between application cycles, if needed.

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- The service allows programs to accept applications outside of the service between application cycles, if needed.
- Applicants are permitted to apply between cycles because PharmGrad data is not tied to AACP's AAMS system. If general, it's a best practice to not accept apps outside of PharmGrad, so that programs can have a uniform application for all graduate applicants to the program.

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- WES and ECE foreign transcript evaluation services are integrated with PharmGrad.

- GRE and TOEFL scores are optional but integrated with the application.

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- If an applicant attended a foreign institution or earned their degree outside of the United States, PharmGrad does not require any documentation, but the majority of PharmGrad programs require a foreign transcript evaluation. Programs can require or prefer any vendor of their choosing, but WES and ECE foreign transcript evaluation services are integrated directly with PharmGrad.
- GRE and TOEFL scores are also integrated within PharmGrad if the program requires these scores.

PharmGrad Features

- Branding for your school/program

- Custom questions/documents for your program

- Programs can select which type of domestic transcripts are scanned by Liaison for their program

- GPAs manually entered by Liaison verification team

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- PharmGrad allows for branding of your school/program both within the application on your program's branding page seen when an applicant selects your program, and on the public-facing Graduate Program Directory.
- Programs can opt to ask applicants to respond to custom questions (required or optional) or upload documents for your program within the PharmGrad application.
- Programs can also select what types of domestic transcripts are scanned by Liaison for their program (official, unofficial, or none).
- All official transcripts are sent directly to PharmGrad and are uploaded into WebAdMIT for programs view and download, as needed.
- If the program requires official transcripts be submitted to PharmGrad, then the service will calculate each applicant's per transcript GPA and overall GPA for the program, as reported in WebAdMIT.
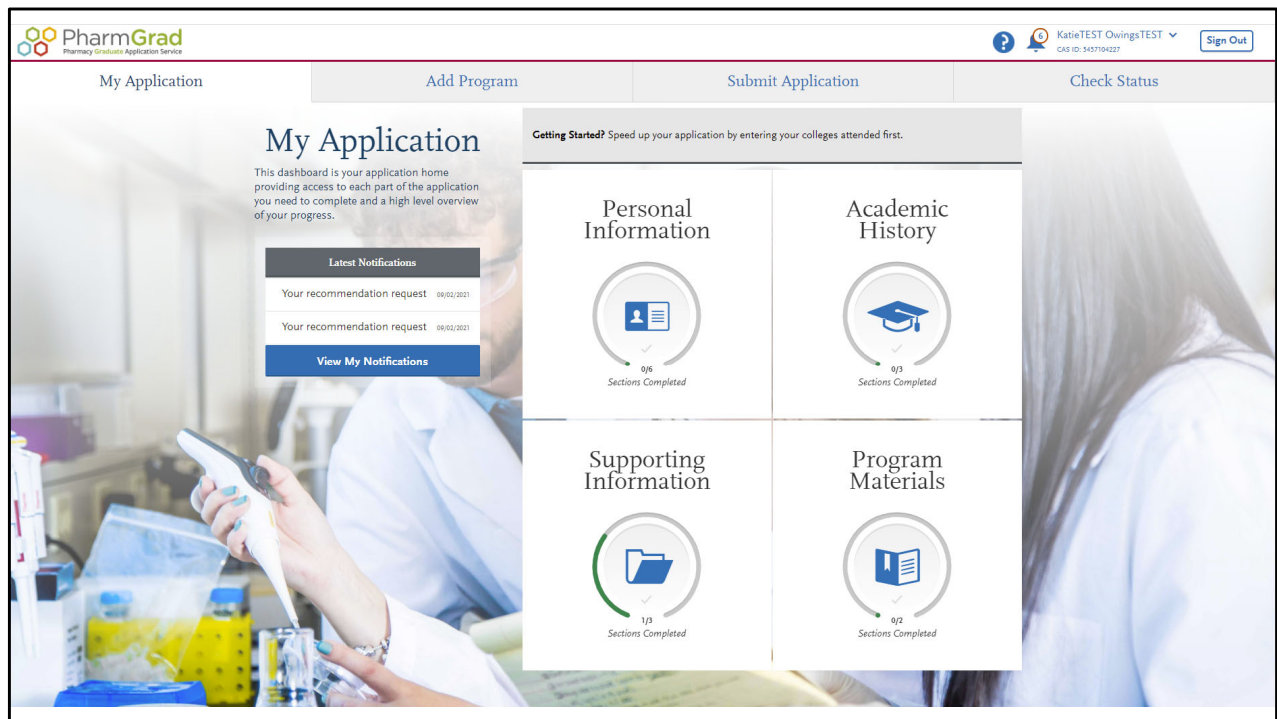
Here is a look at the 4 quadrants of the PharmGrad application home screen. The first 3 quadrants, Program Information, Academic History, and Supporting Information, offer the same set of standard questions for all applicants and programs. The 4th quadrant (Program Materials) features program-specific questions and materials.

Here is a closer look at a sample branding page for a program in the PharmGrad application. As you can see, the program can enter custom text on their home page and activate certain optional features, such as the custom questions and/or custom documents tabs, if they need to capture additional information from applicants. In this example, the program chose to use the custom questions and document upload tabs.

Create a Test Application

- https://pharmgrad.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login
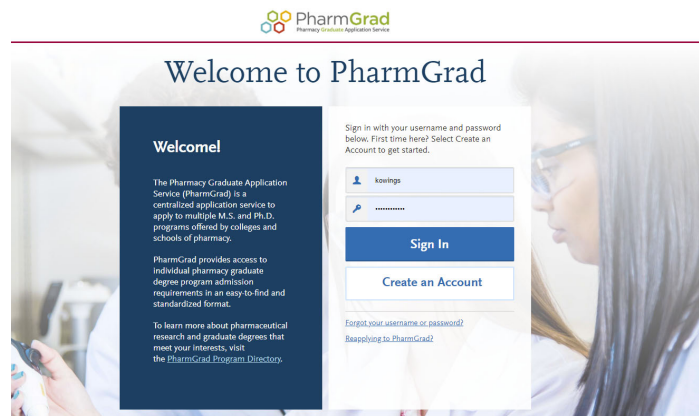
If you would like to see the PharmGrad application in full, we encourage you and your colleagues to create a test application. If you do so, please use 'test' in your username (for example, Test_Katie), so it may easily be identified as a dummy account.

Please promptly deselect all programs in the PharmGrad application, once you are done viewing them.

PharmGrad Website & Directory

- A new PharmGrad website and Graduate Program Directory recently launched.
- Site visitors can learn about PharmGrad and educational and career pathways available to them.
- This is the first, stand-alone website for PharmGrad and pharmaceutical graduate education.

https://www.pharmgrad.org/

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- AACP recently launched a brand new PharmGrad website that is designed to help prospective applicants learn about PharmGrad, as well as the educational and career pathways that graduate pharmaceutical education offers.
- This is the first time AACP has had a stand-alone website for PharmGrad and pharmaceutical graduate education.
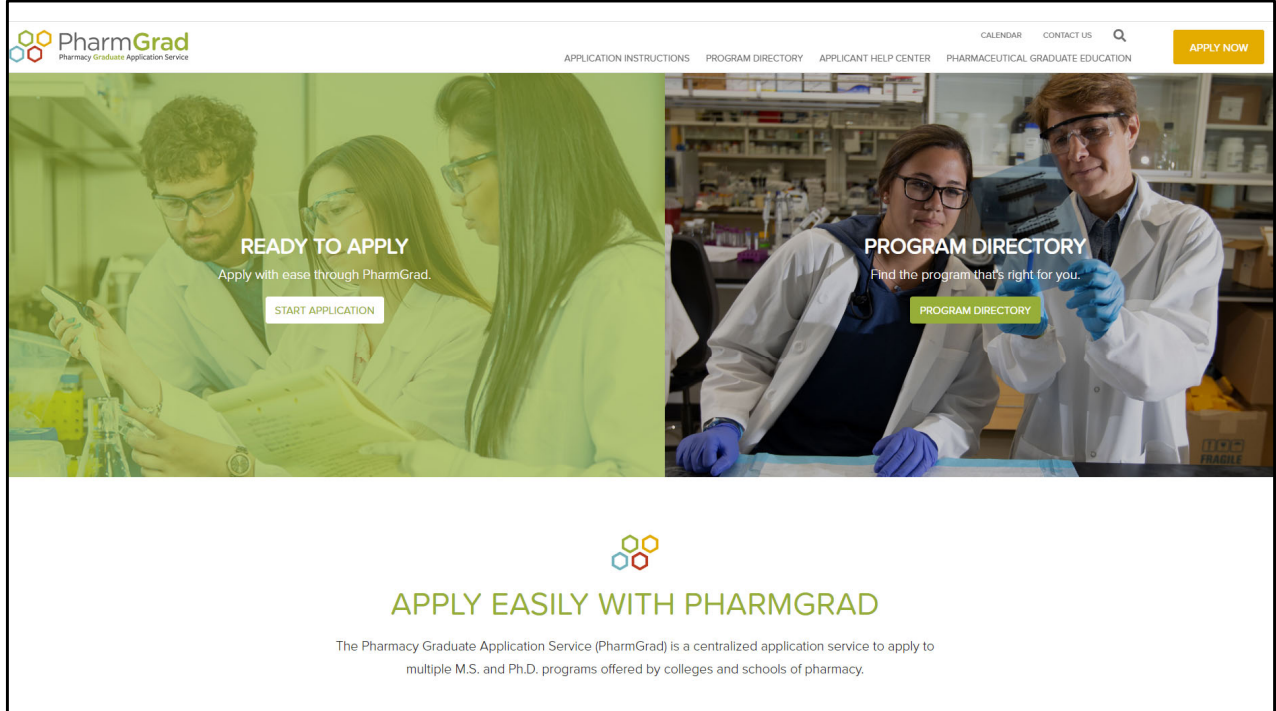
- Here is a screenshot of the PharmGrad website home page.
- Every photo on the new PharmGrad website features real graduate students and faculty!
- Institution-specific logos or other identifiers were removed from the photos, so they are equally beneficial to all member institutions.
- The site features information on pharmaceutical graduate education, including areas of study, pharmaceutical research and graduate degrees, and pharmaceutical science careers.

- Participation in the Graduate Program Directory is open to all pharmacy graduate programs whether you participate in the PharmGrad application service or not.
- The Directory provides advanced filtering capabilities allowing applicants to search graduate programs based on multiple criteria (e.g., region, degree type, delivery method).
- If your program is not listed in the Graduate Program Directory and you would like it to be, please contact us at cas@aacp.org.
- In an era of declining enrollments, the directory offers you a free, easy, and effective way to further market your graduate pharmaceutical education programs.
- **https://www.pharmgrad.org/program-directory**

Want more information?

- To learn more about or participate in PharmGrad, please contact us at CAS@aacp.org.

Thank you!