

## Demystifying the Graduate School Application Process

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### About the Webinar

Are thinking about applying to graduate school? Are you confused about how to apply to graduate school? GSA's Student Advisory Council (SAC) is here to help. In this webinar we will discuss all aspects of applying to graduate school in geology, from choosing a research area, contacting potential professors to work with, and assembling the application. We will also cover topics such as different funding sources for graduate school (yes! you can get paid to go to graduate school), whether you should still take the GRE, and other related topics. There will be ample time for Q&A at the end.

### About the Presenters



**Allie Nagurney** is a fifth year Ph.D. candidate in metamorphic petrology at Virginia Tech. Her Ph.D. research focuses on understanding how the microstructure of metamorphic rocks can control mineral crystallization and exhumation in the upper crust. She received her bachelor's degree in geology from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, in 2016. She is the student representative for the Southeastern Section of GSA and the Chair of GSA's Student Advisory Council. Allie is also passionate about being involved in public policy, and has attended Geoscience Congressional Visit Days in the past and can be found canvassing and volunteering during local elections. In her free time, Allie enjoys running and hanging out with her dog.



**Alexandra Valencia Villa** is a first-year-PhD student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison reconstructing the paleoclimate of the Carica Basin, Venezuela, using clumped isotope paleothermometry. She earned her M.S. from UW-Madison in the summer of 2020, presenting current findings of her clumped isotope work in the Cariaco Basin from the Last Glacial Maximum-present. Alex had formative experiences working in Dr. Aradhna Tripathi's lab (a leader in paleoclimatology and diversity in geoscience) in her undergraduate studies at UCLA. There she discovered the importance of empowering the next group of geoscientists and making the field an inclusive space. After she graduated in 2018, she used her experience as a first-generation Latina student and skillset from the Tripathi Lab, to create a student-led diversity, equity, and inclusion group at UW-Madison. In her free time, she enjoys playing with her dog Miel, cooking, and reading.



**Dr. Lisa L. Ely** is a professor and director of the M.S. Graduate Program in the Department of Geological Sciences at Central Washington University, where she has been a faculty member since 1994. She received her B.S. from Principia College in Illinois (1982), and M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Arizona (1992). Her recent research projects include river restoration strategies, climate change and large floods, geomorphic effects of natural and man-made dams, and tsunami deposits in Chile and India. As a member of the Geological Society of America, she has served as the GSA Thompson International Lecturer (2015–2016), division chair and management board of the GSA Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology Division, and on several award and technical program committees.

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