RESOURCES FOR POTENTIAL MFA APPLICANTS

MAGAZINES
These have ads for MFA programs listing their faculty and funding, and also often have articles about the application process. Poets & Writers puts together an annual special issue dedicated to MFA programs.

- Publishers Weekly: MFA Survey 2014—
  http://publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/authors/mfa/index.html
- Poets & Writers: A brief overview of MFA Programs—
  http://www.pw.org/content/mfa_programs
- Poets & Writers: 2012 MFA rankings—
  http://www.pw.org/content/2012_mfa_rankings_the_top_fifty
- Association of Writers & Writing Programs’ Guide to Writing Programs—
  https://www.awpwriter.org/guide/guide_writing_programs
- New Pages | Graduate Writing Programs—
  http://www.newpages.com/writers-resources/all-graduate-writing-programs

BOOKS

- Poets & Writers’ MFA Nation 2016 Compendium—
- The Creative Writing MFA Handbook: A Guide for Prospective Graduate Students—
  http://tinyurl.com/yb37jh6

ARTICLES & BLOG POSTS

- Advice for MFA applicants, from Brown University’s Brian Evenson—
- “So You Want to Apply to an MFA Program?” by Jerome Daly—
  http://longriverreview.com/blog/2014/so-you-want-to-apply-to-a-mfa-program/
- “So You Want to Get an MFA?: An Open Letter to My Students” by Stephanie Vanderslice—
- “Smart Conversations about MFA Programs” by Danielle Evans—
  http://daniellevaloreevans.com/2010/05/22/smart-conversations-about-mfa-programs/

DISCUSSION BOARDS & BLOGS

- A blog started by students trying to get into MFA programs with helpful advice and lists of programs—
  http://creative-writing-mfa-handbook.blogspot.com/
- Poets & Writers Speakeasy Message Boards—
  http://www.pw.org/speakeasy/gforum.cgi?forum=34
- Facebook group for MFA applicants (perhaps the most active forum for information-sharing among applicants): https://www.facebook.com/groups/181890205250745/ (or just search on Facebook for “MFA Draft ‘14”)
- Lit Bridge: a site that includes interviews with students of various MFA programs—
  http://www.litbridge.com/writing-programs/interviews-with-graduate-programs/
- Affording the MFA—
  https://affordingthemfa.wordpress.com/