



Timeline for Applying to Graduate School

Junior Year- Semester 1

- Research available programs
- Review grad school guides/directories
 - Visit schools' websites
- Talk to faculty/alumni/current students in the program
 - Explore financial aid resources
- Determine the schools to which you plan to apply
 - Request application materials
- Contact programs about the possibility of visiting
 - Make trips if possible
- Develop your personal timeline for the application process
- Sign up for required standardized test and take a practice test
- Order an unofficial transcript and correct any discrepancies
 - Write a draft personal statement
- Research graduate admissions prep classes

Junior Year- Semester 2

- Meet with faculty members and visit the Career Development Center
 - Ask for letters of recommendation from faculty
 - Register and take required standardized tests
- Complete your personal statement to meet each application's requirements
 - Complete and submit application forms
- Apply for the financial aid available: assistantships, fellowships, scholarships, etc.
 - Order official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions

Senior Year

- If an interview is required, schedule a practice interview
- Complete and submit federal and state financial aid applications
 - Follow-up with schools to make sure your file is complete
 - Write thank-you notes to people who helped you
- After receiving acceptance, send in the deposit and contact other schools to decline