

GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION TIMETABLE

Presented below is a suggested timetable that you may find helpful when considering graduate school in the future. This timetable may vary depending on application deadlines for different graduate programs. Check for specific application deadlines on the websites of each graduate school of interest. *Peterson's Graduate Program Guides* and other graduate/professional school resources available online and in the Career Library of Career Services.

SUMMER– SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Research areas of interest, institutions, and programs.<input type="checkbox"/> Talk to advisers and faculty for advice.<input type="checkbox"/> Contact graduate schools directly for catalogs and information about specific programs.<input type="checkbox"/> Investigate assistantship, fellowship, and scholarship opportunities, including support for minority students, as appropriate.<input type="checkbox"/> Determine if there are any special admission requirements (e.g., portfolios, auditions, prior professional work experience, etc.).<input type="checkbox"/> Register and prepare for appropriate graduate admission tests if required.<input type="checkbox"/> For medical, dental, osteopathy, podiatry, or law school, you may need to register for the national centralized application service most programs use.<input type="checkbox"/> Take required graduate admission tests.<input type="checkbox"/> Plan to attend one of our “Planning for Graduate School” workshops.
OCTOBER– NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Visit institutions of interest, if possible.<input type="checkbox"/> Take or retake graduate admission tests if necessary.<input type="checkbox"/> Check on application deadlines for specific assistantship, fellowship, and scholarship opportunities.<input type="checkbox"/> Request letters of recommendation, as necessary.<input type="checkbox"/> Write application essay or statement of professional goals if required.<input type="checkbox"/> Budget for nonrefundable application fees.<input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Take or retake graduate admission tests, if necessary.<input type="checkbox"/> Work on completing application forms.<input type="checkbox"/> Send in application forms for schools of your choice (application deadlines vary; check with individual schools).<input type="checkbox"/> Keep copies of everything you send or submit online.
JANUARY– APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Submit online application forms for schools of your choice if not already done (remember, earlier is usually better).<input type="checkbox"/> Check with all institutions before the application deadline to make sure your file is complete.<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for campus interviews if required.<input type="checkbox"/> Be sure to follow up with thank-you notes after interviews.<input type="checkbox"/> Notify other graduate schools of your choice once accepted.
APRIL– SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Make arrangements for housing.<input type="checkbox"/> Plan to attend the appropriate fall orientation programs for new graduate students.
