



Resources for Prospective Graduate Students

Bookshelf

- *Essential Words for the GRE* by Philip Geer Ed.M.
- *Get Into Graduate School: A Strategic Approach for Master's & Doctoral Candidates* by Kaplan
- *Graduate Admissions Essays: Write Your Way into the Graduate School of Your Choice* by Donald Asher
- *Graduate Schools in the U.S. 2011* by Peterson's
- *Graduate School and You: A Guide for Prospective Graduate Students* by Clara Sue Kidwell and Cheryl A. Flagg

Helpful Websites

Fellowships:

1. <http://scholarships.fatomei.com/college-scholarships-graduate-fellowships.html>
2. <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>
3. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavis/index.html>
4. <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/fellowships/>
5. <http://www.truman.gov>

Graduate School Guide: <http://www.schoolguides.com/>

GradSchools.com: <http://www.gradschools.com/>

Peterson's: <http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools.aspx>

The Grad Café: <http://www.thegradcafe.com/>

Other Resources

Flashcard Software:

1. iFlash (for Mac): <http://www.loopware.com/>
2. Flashcard Exchange (web-based): <http://www.flashcardexchange.com/>

Flyer on financing your education:

http://www.cgsnet.org/portals/0/pdf/Financing_Graduate_Education_BW.pdf

Free GRE practice tools: <http://www.princetonreview.com/grad/gre-practice-tools.aspx>

Tips on effective time management: <http://www-personal.umich.edu/~danhorn/graduate.html>

Timetable for Applying to Graduate School¹

❖ Summer

- ☐ Write a draft statement of purpose/personal statement.
- ☐ Start browsing through guides to graduate programs, Web sites, and college catalogs.
- ☐ Begin studying for required standardized tests.

❖ August-September

- ☐ Meet with faculty members you know to discuss your personal statement and learn about possible programs.
- ☐ Ask for letters of recommendations.
- ☐ Begin to develop your personal timeline for the application process.
- ☐ Sign up for required standardized tests.

❖ October

- ☐ Take standardized tests.
- ☐ Determine the schools to which you plan to apply, and request application materials.
- ☐ Contact programs about the possibility of visiting. Make trips if possible.
- ☐ Finish your timeline based on each institution's application and financial aid deadlines.
- ☐ Complete your personal statement, adjusting it to meet each application's specific needs.
- ☐ Order transcripts from all postsecondary institutions (If fall-term grades are expected, check with the staff in the registrar's office to see if a transcript including fall-term grades can be sent in time to meet the deadlines of programs to which you are applying.).

❖ November

- ☐ Complete application forms (First download the form from the university website and do a draft).
- ☐ Give your recommenders all the information that they will need to write recommendations for you for each of your application schools. Be sure to give them plenty of time.

❖ December/January

- ☐ Submit applications. Even if deadlines are later, it is good to get the applications in early.

❖ April

- ☐ If you are applying for need-based financial aid programs, you may have to file a copy of your federal income tax return.

¹ Adapted from Kidwell, C.S. and Flagg, C.A. (2004)
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Washington, D.C.