**Timetable for Applying**

Whether or not you intend to apply to graduate school immediately following your undergraduate degree, it’s a good idea to understand the timetable for completing your graduate school admissions and funding application requirements. Be aware that admissions and funding opportunity deadlines may differ from each other. Make sure that you apply in time for each program and opportunity.

**Summer before your senior year**

* Whether or not you intend to apply to graduate school immediately following your undergraduate degree, it can be a good idea to begin drafting a personal statement, or at least recording your academic and professional goals to be used at a later time.
* Explore graduate programs, and familiarize yourself with each program’s faculty interests, the entrance requirements, and deadlines.
* Contact graduate programs that interest you and request information.
* Prepare for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
* *Note:* *Even if your prospective program does not require the GRE, national fellowships and other funding sources may request GRE scores.*

**September**

* Share your personal statement with professors you know.
* Ask their advice about which graduate programs you might consider.
* Consult your campus writing center to review your statements.
* Narrow your graduate program choices.
* Register to take the GRE.

**October**

* Take the GRE
* Revise your personal statement tailoring it to your chosen graduate programs.
* Order transcripts.
* Begin filling out your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on October 1. This can be submitted anytime between October 1 and June 30.

**November**

* Download application forms and complete a draft.
* Review and edit your drafts.
* Submit completed application forms.
* Ask faculty for recommendations. Give them specific information about deadlines and follow up to ensure they meet deadline.

**December**

* Submit your applications
* *Note: Letters of admission are sent on a rolling basis beginning in February.*

**January**

* Follow up to ensure supporting documents were received.

**February**

* Visit your prospective programs, if possible.

**April 1**

* You should receive admission letters by this date.

**April 15**

* You must accept or decline offers of admission.

**June 30**

* Final date to submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is **June 30, 2022 at 11:59 PM Central Time**.