Prepare for Graduate School Now!

Fourth Year, Fall (95-115 Credits)

- Organize application materials for Graduate Programs
  - Ask faculty for feedback on admissions essays and finalize to submit.
  - Take Admission Tests (e.g. GRE) by early fall
  - Request Letters of Recommendation and supporting documents from faculty officially
  - Request transcripts and send to schools

- Complete Fellowships and Funding Applications (e.g. NSF, FORD)
  - Apply earlier than deadlines and ask for feedback

- Visit Campuses and meet with students and faculty
  - Apply to and Attend Graduate School Visitations

- Reflect on Your Experiences
  - Note your wellness like sleep patterns and positive experiences.

- Further Explore Grad Prep Resources from AAP
  - Submit Graduate Program Applications by Deadlines
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Fourth Year, Spring (115-130 Credits)

▷ Decide on your Graduate Program
  □ Contact all schools/programs to confirm receipt of application materials and status of application
  □ Visit all programs of acceptance and evaluate offers
  □ Notify all accepted and rejected schools

▷ Prepare Financially for Moving
  □ Research the cost of living for the area you plan to move to
  □ Create a budget with the funding you are expecting to receive

▷ Thank your network
  □ Send hand-written thank you notes to recommenders
  □ Keep recommenders updated on application status

▷ Take courses that will give you a head start on your graduate program

▷ Spread your impact to help other students
  □ Keep in touch with your network to update them on your successes
  □ Volunteer for panels, tutoring or class presentations about the graduate school application process

▷ Reflect on Your Experiences
  □ Help spread the word to prepare for graduate school now!

▷ Further Explore Grad Prep Resources from AAP

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