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
- - 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
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 - Help spread the word to prepare for graduate school now!
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