Grad School Application Timeline

>2 years prior

Choose a Program

To help you decide, ask if the faculty and staff make adequate time for students.



1-2 years prior

Plan application process

Check with the institution for specific requirements; start this process early!

6-8 months prior

Request Letters of Recommendation

Think of who will be able to speak highly of your ability to succeed in grad school.



2-6 months prior

Take Standardized Test

Determine which test is required for the grad program you want to enroll.

3 months prior

Request Transcripts

Include transcripts from every postsecondary institution you've attended.



1-2 months prior

Write Your Resume

One or two pages to organize your experience, activities, and achievements.

1-2 months prior

Write a Statement of Purpose

Include your experiences and your motivations for applying to the program.



1-2 months prior

Fill out Your Application Forms

Be sure to include all required information and attach any and all supporting documents.

Post Submission

Prepare for Interviews

Find example questions onine or use your Career Services office on campus to practice and prepare.