# Graduate School Application Timeline

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<th>Start Sophomore Year</th>
<th>A. Become a Research Assistant, Teachers Assistant or Volunteer in your field of study</th>
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| Two years before matriculation “Junior Year” | B. Start researching schools and programs  
C. Choose a graduate schools and programs  
D. Find out application requirements |
| Spring Summer before “Senior year” | E. Research Financial Aid  
F. Meet with Advisor/ Counselor  
G. Prepare for graduate school admissions test |
| Fall Semester of “Senior Year” | September/October  
H. Take Admissions test  
I. Request letters of recommendation  
J. Write draft of Essay/Statement of Purpose  
K. Request application materials  
November/December  
L. Order Official Transcripts  
M. Finalize Essay/ Statement of Purpose  
N. Mail Applications |
| Winter Semester of “Senior Year” | O. Apply for Financial Aid (scholarships, etc) and Fill out FASFA  
P. Contact schools about visiting and interviewing  
Q. Complete any unfinished items and wait for response |
| Spring/ Summer before matriculation | R. Reevaluate schools and make your selections  
S. Visit institutions that accept you  
T. Notify schools of your decision  
U. Send Thank You letters to your recommenders |