### 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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| 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 | 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 |
Tentative Timeline to Prepare for Graduate School