



# GRADUATE SCHOOL TIMELINE

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## MAY

- ☐ Begin researching graduate schools
- ☐ Take a graduate school practice tests



## JUNE

- ☐ Sign up for a graduate school test prep course
- ☐ Register for the graduate school test required for your program
- ☐ Buy practice study books
- ☐ Get organized with a planner or online tool



## JULY

- ☐ Request information from schools
- ☐ Begin networking with friends and former professors
- ☐ Research programs online



## AUGUST

- ☐ Take the graduate school test
- ☐ Begin drafting your statement of purpose





# SEPTEMBER



- ☐ Finalize your list of prospective schools
- ☐ Determine deadlines and application needs for schools
- ☐ Research professors at your preferred schools
- ☐ Reach out for letters of recommendations
- ☐ Draft your statement of purpose and any other required essays
- ☐ Finalize your resume or CV

# OCTOBER



- ☐ Request official transcripts
- ☐ Send your recommenders supplemental reference materials (resume, personal statement, etc)
- ☐ Make contact with students and professors at your prospective schools
- ☐ Arrange a campus visit
- ☐ Apply for financial aid

# NOVEMBER



- ☐ Ask professors and classmates to review your personal statement
- ☐ Finalize your statement of purpose
- ☐ Research scholarships and other financial aid

# DECEMBER



- ☐ Complete and submit your applications
  - Application and fees
  - Statement of purpose and essays
  - Test scores
  - Transcripts
  - Recommendations
- ☐ Verify that your recommendations have been sent