

# Timeline for Applying to Grad School

## - Junior Year -

It's best to start early if you're planning to apply to graduate school — it will increase your odds of being admitted. Deadlines vary depending on the program, though, and it is important that you begin identifying potential schools/programs early and are clear on individual deadlines!

- Begin your search for possible programs the fall of your junior year.
- Meet with staff in the CSO for assistance as you begin your search.
- Attend Career EXPLO (remember: it's required you attend your junior year for the Alma Commitment) and other graduate/professional school fairs both on- and off-campus.
- Request information from programs that spark your interest.
- If you are able, visit schools/programs of most interest to you.
- Begin to explore financial aid resources - the CSO and financial aid can assist!
- By the spring and summer of your junior year, you should have a fairly good idea of places you intend to apply and know the deadlines you face in the fall.
- Develop a personal statement using faculty and the Career Development Center as resources to create the best possible document for your field.
- Register and prepare for required standardized tests.
- Develop an application timeline for all schools to which you are applying - the process takes too much effort to be eliminated because you've missed a deadline!



Remember: you can meet with a member of the Career and Personal Development team to get personalized support with the graduate school process, including personal statement review. You can schedule an appointment by logging into [Handshake](#).

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