A Suggested Timetable for Applying to Graduate School

Junior Year, Fall and Spring
- Attend “Gearing Up for Graduate School” events offered by The Career Center and various academic departments
- Research programs and different fields
- Take the appropriate admissions test(s) (Be sure to prepare for these exams!)
- Investigate sources of financial aid/funding, including Prestigious Awards

Junior Year, Summer
- Request application materials or collect/review online materials
- Visit as many schools as you can, connect with faculty and current students
- Begin work on your admissions essay (really!)
- Check on application deadlines and policies (admissions and financial aid)
- Revise your resume; have it reviewed by the Career Center

Senior Year, Fall
- Attend “Gearing Up for Graduate School” events offered by The Career Center and various academic departments, if you have not yet
- Request letters of recommendation from faculty
- If you haven’t done so, or weren’t satisfied with your score, take/retake your graduate admissions test(s)
- Submit your completed applications
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) (for more information refer to their website www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Apply for assistantships and/or other funding (Remember: these deadlines may be different than application deadlines)
- Revise your resume; have it reviewed by the Career Center

Senior Year, Spring
- Call all institutions to make sure all application materials have been received
- Visit institutions that accept you
- Send your deposit to the university you choose
- Notify other universities of your decision; this way they can offer your place to wait-listed candidates
- Notify those who helped you of your decision and send thank-you notes
- Notify the Career Center of your decision