

Timeline in Preparing for Graduate School

Activity	Begin working on	Due dates
Connect with HSU professors	As early as freshman year	Continue through senior year
Undergraduate research and summer internships/volunteer work, etc.	Check with dept/faculty in your discipline	Continue through senior year
Research graduate programs	Beginning junior year	Fall senior year
Contact professors in graduate program	Beginning junior year	Fall senior year
GRE and other Exams	Check with Testing Center for dates	Take in Fall of senior year
Letters of recommendations	Contact professors by Fall of senior year (give professors at least 1 month prior to submitting applications)	Submit at least 1 month before due dates for each program -most are due between Jan. and March
Personal Statement	Beginning of junior or senior year- give yourself plenty of time (assistance available in Learning Center, HSE 71)	By one month before admissions due dates
Application	2 months before due dates	Submit one month, or earlier before due date
Financial Resources- research web sites and contact graduate programs for available resources	After choosing potential graduate programs in junior and senior years	By end of senior year