## May - August

* Begin your online re­ •

search, familiarizing

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yourself with schools, grad school life, and the ins and outs of the application proc­

ess

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* Prepare for taking

**August September**

Take the GRE General Test

Begin your statement of purpose (also called a personal statement or essay)

Register for the GRE Subject Test (if neces­

# October

* Continue to prepare for • the GRE Subject Test

if you're taking one.

* Begin drafting personal

statement and any es-

says required of gradu- ate programs

* Complete application

# November

Finalize personal state­ ments and essays tai­ lored to each graduate program after getting feedback on them from your advisor or profes­ sor, or other key pro­

fessionals

the GRE by taking a

practice exam and

sign up for a GRE course

* Read Considering

Graduate School Flyer

* Research Graduate

Programs

* Review books about

graduate school

* Talk to your advisor

and favorite profes­ sors about graduate school

sary). The subject tests are still administered on paper and are only given three times per year: November, December,

and April

* Contemplate key people

to ask to write letters of recommendation

* Finalize list of graduate

programs and request

application material

* Begin to research forms

of financial aid and assis­ tance

forms. While online •

applications are recom­ mended it's a good idea to get it down on paper first

* Request all transcripts

be sent to graduate schools, paying special attention to where they

should go

* Ask for letters of

recommendation and distribute recommen­ dation forms

Tie up any loose ends. Do you know where your recommendations are? Have you made sure all your test scores have been sent to schools?

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## December through March/April

### December January

**March/April**

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Complete and submit all applica­ tions, keeping two copies of every part for your records. Mai I com­ pleted applications -- only after carefully proofreading all materi­ als

Start focusing on financial aid. Fillout the •

FAFSA online --to qualify for financial aid. You

need to complete the FAFSA as soon after Janu­ ary 1 as possible. •

### February Try to relax!

Discuss acceptance progress with your advisor or favorite professor

Notify each graduate pro­ gram that accepted you of your intentions