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# Graduate School Resources

## **General Information**

A to Z College: [www.a2zcolleges.com](http://www.a2zcolleges.com)  
About.com, Guide to Graduate Admissions: <http://gradschool.about.com>  
Accepted.com: <http://www.accepted.com/>  
All About Grad School: [www.allaboutgradschool.com](http://www.allaboutgradschool.com)  
American Universities: <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/CLAS/au>  
Find the Best: <http://www.findthebest.com/category/Education>  
GradSchools.com: <http://www.gradschools.com>  
Grad School Tips: <http://www.gradschooltips.com/>  
Graduate Guide: <http://www.graduateguide.com>  
Graduate Center: <http://www.graduatecenter.com/>  
Graduate School Rankings U.S. News & World Report: <http://www.usnews.com/edu>  
Grad Profiles: [www.gradprofiles.com](http://www.gradprofiles.com)  
Law School Admissions Council: <http://www.lsac.org/>  
Medical School Rankings: <http://medical-schools.findthebest.com/>  
Peterson's Educational Portal: <http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools.aspx>  
The Princeton Review: <http://www.princetonreview.com>

## **Standardized Test Preparation – Fees are associated with exams and preparation courses**

800score.com Test Prep for the Internet Age: <http://www.800score.com/>  
Crack-GMAT: <http://www.crack-gmat.com/>  
Educational Testing Service: <http://www.ets.org>  
Graduate Record Examinations Website: <http://www.gre.org>  
GRE Guide Downloads: <http://www.greguide.com/download.html>  
KAPLAN: <http://www.kaptest.com/>  
CCD Testing Center: [www.ccd.edu/testing](http://www.ccd.edu/testing)  
*GRE for Dummies*, by Ron Woldof (2012)

## **Application Process**

MSU Denver Office of Career Services: <http://www.msudenver.edu/career/careercounseling/graduateschoolservices/>  
Graduate School Admission: <http://www.graduateschooladmission.com/>  
Tips for Researching and Applying to Graduate Schools: <http://www.uwm.edu/People/ccp2/work/>

## **The Statement of Purpose**

MSU Denver Office of Career Services: <http://www.msudenver.edu/career/careercounseling/graduateschoolservices/>  
*Graduate Admissions Essays: Write Your Way into the Graduate School of Your Choice*, by Donald Asher (2008)  
Statement of Purpose: <http://www.statementofpurpose.com/>

## **Financial Aid**

FastWEB: Financial Aid Search Through the Web: <http://www.fastweb.com>  
FinAid: The Financial Aid Information Page: <http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/grad.phtml>  
Financial Aid Section (Graduate Guide): [http://www.graduateguide.com/graduate\\_financial\\_aid.html](http://www.graduateguide.com/graduate_financial_aid.html)  
SALT Financial information: <http://www.saltmoney.org>  
MSU Denver Office of Financial Aid: <http://msudenver.edu/financialaid/>

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION TIMELINE

Applying to grad school is a bit like applying to college. It requires tests, applications, essays, recommendation letters and interviews - as well as organization and timeliness. Keep on top of the application process to stay on track to grad school.

### Junior Year

#### Spring Semester

- Meet with faculty members and counselors to discuss future directions and graduate programs.
- Consult the Internet for more detailed information on schools.
- Determine test requirements, test dates, application procedures and deadlines.

#### Summer

- Draft a resume or curriculum vitae (CV) that reflects your academic interests and/or research abilities. Have it reviewed by a career counselor in the Office of Career Services.
- Look up programs online ([www.gradschools.com](http://www.gradschools.com) or [www.peterson.com](http://www.peterson.com) grad channel).
- Sign up for any required standardized test (GRE, GMAT, LSAT) and take practice tests. Practice materials are available online and in the campus bookstore.

### Senior Year

#### September/October

- Take standardized tests.
- Speak with students and alumni of the programs that interest you; learn about faculty research topics.
- Begin drafting your personal statements. Meet with faculty or career counselors and have them critique your statement.
- Request recommendations from faculty and employers; give them all of the necessary information.
- Research financial aid sources, fellowships and assistantships.

#### November/December

- Tailor your personal statement according to the questions asked on each application.
- Order official transcripts from your registrar's office.
- Complete and submit applications. Even if your deadlines are much later, send your applications early to maximize your chances for financial aid and fellowships.
- Keep copies of everything you send.
- Remind your recommenders of deadlines, if necessary.
- Apply for fellowships, grants and assistantships.

#### January/March

- Apply for financial aid. Complete the FAFSA no earlier than January 1st and no later than the campus and/or state deadline.
- Contact schools and schedule an interview.
- Visit schools.
- Send thank-you notes to those who were involved with your interview.

#### April/May

- Discuss acceptances, rejections and other career options with a career counselor or a faculty member.
- Inform all of the schools you applied to of your decision.
- If you are rejected, contact the schools you applied to and discuss what you can do to increase your chances in the future.
- Send thank-you notes to those who helped you throughout your grad school application process.

Questions? Contact the MSU Denver Office of Career Services, Tivoli 215, 303-556-3664.

