**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](http://gradschool.about.com)
- Accepted.com: [http://www.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](http://www.clas.ufl.edu/CLAS/au)
- Find the Best: [http://www.findthebest.com/category/Education](http://www.findthebest.com/category/Education)
- GradSchools.com: [http://www.gradschools.com](http://www.gradschools.com)
- Graduate Guide: [http://www.graduateguide.com](http://www.graduateguide.com)
- Graduate Center: [http://www.graduatecenter.com/](http://www.graduatecenter.com/)
- Grad Profiles: [www.gradprofiles.com](http://www.gradprofiles.com)
- Peterson’s Educational Portal: [http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools.aspx](http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools.aspx)

**Standardized Test Preparation – Fees are associated with exams and preparation courses**
- 800score.com Test Prep for the Internet Age: [http://www.800score.com/](http://www.800score.com/)
- Graduate Record Examinations Website: [http://www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org)
- CCD Testing Center: [www.ccd.edu/testing](http://www.ccd.edu/testing)
- *GRE for Dummies*, by Ron Woldof (2012)

**Application Process**
- Graduate School Admission: [http://www.graduateschooladmission.com/](http://www.graduateschooladmission.com/)
- Tips for Researching and Applying to Graduate Schools: [http://www.uwm.edu/People/ccp2/work/](http://www.uwm.edu/People/ccp2/work/)

**The Statement of Purpose**
- *Graduate Admissions Essays: Write Your Way into the Graduate School of Your Choice*, by Donald Asher (2008)

**Financial Aid**
- FastWEB: Financial Aid Search Through the Web: [http://www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- SALT Financial information: [http://www.saltmoney.org](http://www.saltmoney.org)

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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.