Applying for Graduate School Timeline

Junior Year

☐ Try to define your career goals and determine if graduate school is required or beneficial in helping to meet those goals
☐ Start researching graduate programs of interest by visiting department websites
☐ Review university graduate school admission application requirements
☐ Get to know your professor and advisors
  ☐ You may need to ask them for a letter of recommendation later
☐ Look into joining a research lab
☐ Start looking into financial aid resources
☐ Identify potential letter of recommendation writers
☐ Identify required admissions standardized tests
☐ Attend graduate school workshops

Senior Year, Fall

☐ Start writing the statement of purpose rough draft
☐ Request letters of recommendation from faculty
☐ Begin university admissions graduate school application
☐ Apply for aid available through program (assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, etc.)
☐ Write final draft of statement of purpose
☐ Identify deadline for program application

Senior Year, Spring

☐ Complete and submit financial aid application
☐ Follow up with graduate school to make sure your application is complete and letters of recommendation have been received