

Helpful Websites

Graduate school constitutes an advanced program of study focused on a particular academic discipline or profession. Traditionally, graduate school has been “academic” (centered on generating original research in a particular discipline), but it may be “professional” (centered on developing skills and knowledge for a specific profession), or a combination of both (University of California-Berkley).

Purdue University

<http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/students/prospective/resources.cfm>

Stanford University

<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/humsci/cgi-bin/gus/content/diversity-grad-prep>

UC San Diego

<http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/graduate-programs/grad-school-prep/index.html>

McNair Program

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/triomecnair/index.html>

Committee of Intuitional Cooperation (C.I.C.)

<http://www.cic.net/home>

C.I.C. Summer Research Program

<http://www.cic.net/news-and-publications/news/2012/10/29/think-summer-2013-cic-summer-research-opportunities-program-accepting-applications-starting-november-1-2012>

C.I.C. Free App

<http://www.cic.net/students/freeappl/introduction>

Graduate School Preparation Checklist



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May-August

- Explore graduate programs
- Request information from schools that interest you
- Review GRE PowerPrep gre.org
- Draft your personal statement

September

- Narrow graduate program choices
- Register to take GRE
- Contact your list of recommenders
- Continue to work on personal statement

October

- Take GRE or other entrance exam (LSAT, MCAT, GMAT)
- Order transcripts
- Ask writing consultants and peers to review and provide feedback on personal statements
- Send supplemental information to recommenders

Review faculty research and publications when considering Graduate School.

November

- Fill out application forms
- Put finishing touches on personal statement

December

- Submit application materials
- Make sure recommendations have been sent

January

- Ensure schools received your applications
- Begin researching options for financial funding

February

- Fill out FAFSA
- Complete all forms for financial assistance

Commitment and self-discipline are essential to doing well in graduate school.

March

- Submit FAFSA

April

- Accept or decline offers of admission