

Graduate School Application Important Dates

● Summer 2020

- Study for the GREs
- Make a list of doctoral programs you are interested in applying to
 - Note the deadlines and requirements for each graduate school program
 - Look over fee waivers for each program
- Start writing your personal statement
- Apply to attend undergraduate research conferences [SACNAS](#) (7/10 deadline) and [ABRCMS](#) (8/20/20) to receive graduate school fee waivers

● September – October 2020

- Ask for Letters of Recommendations once you have a personal statement draft ready
- Have colleagues and professors look over your personal statements
- Remind your letter writers about the letter of recommendations
- Take the GREs one last time (mid-October the latest)

● November – December 2020

- Final reminders to your mentors writing letters of recommendation
- Final edits to the personal statement and diversity statement
- Submit application (~a week or two before the deadline)
- Most applications are due Dec. 1st!

Graduate School Fellowships (apply as a college senior)

- [National Science Fellowship Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#) (10/21/20 – 10/25/20)
- [Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship](#) (10/29/20)
- [GEM Fellowship Program](#) (11/15/20)
- [Ford Foundation PreDoctoral Fellowship](#) (Dec. 2020)
- [Hertz Foundation Fellowship](#) (Oct. 2020)

After submitting your graduate school application

- **Ph.D. program Invitations:** December – end of January
 - For Biological and biomedical Ph.D. programs, if you do not hear back by the first week of February, you're probably not accepted or waitlisted
 - A graduate school interview is not an acceptance!
 - Some Ph.D. programs such as Chemistry do not have interview weekends, but will send acceptance offers instead of interviews
- **Ph.D. program Recruitment Weekends (for some programs):** January – March
 - You will learn about their program and be interviewed by faculty members
- **Ph.D. program acceptance offers:** 2 weeks – 1 month after recruitment weekend
 - The program makes a limited number of acceptances and the rest will be waitlisted or declined
- **Ph.D. program decisions due:** ~April 15
 - Accept program of interest
 - Kindly decline the other programs you are not interested in