

Applying to Graduate School Timeline and Checklist

Spring semester of your **junior year**:

- Identify the type of programs in which you are interested
- Start talking to your faculty
- If you haven't already done so, find out if you can get involved in faculty research, honors programs or independent study
- Consider taking a fieldwork course or doing an internship

Summer before your **senior year**:

- Research Graduate Study in your field
- Make a list of schools you might apply to
- Start writing your personal statement
- Continue studying for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

Fall semester of your **senior year**:

- Write to colleges for their program information
- Make your final list of schools you will apply to
- Attend a Grad School Fair
- Preferable by October, take the GREs
- Ask your professors to write letters of recommendation

Apply Early

- CSU Chico Applicants
 - Fall, October 1- March 1
 - A few programs may extend until April 1
- Programs open at different times at various universities. (Depending on if the college is on a quarter or semester system, some programs may also start over the summer).
- Complete your applications and send them early, deadlines may be as early as end of November to March 1
- Possibly visit the schools
- Visualize acceptances and try to be patient