

Application Process and Timeline

► Fill in this blank timeline according to your own goals, opportunities, and schedule.

Your Timeline

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Junior				
Senior				
Grad School				

Below is a sample long-term timeline for those planning on entering graduate school immediately after graduating from UC Davis. The sample timeline is a suggested sequence to follow, but everyone's path will be unique to them.

Sample Timeline

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Junior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain experience (research, internships, etc.) Develop relationships with letter writers and discuss grad school plans Research and identify programs 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for and take the GRE Develop a draft of your statement of purpose Finalize your list of programs Request transcript through registrars
Senior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin online application Get feedback on your statement Request letters of recommendation Apply to programs and submit all materials on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and apply to fellowships (\$) Try to build a rapport with professors and students at graduate institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hear back from programs Schedule campus visits Accept an offer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find housing Relocate Possible training, course prerequisites
Grad School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin program 			

If you are considering a gap year, you will adjust the timeline accordingly (see below). Notice the gap is between your graduation date and start time for grad school, and not just between your graduation date and your application deadlines, which is only really the summer.

Sample Gap Year Timeline

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Senior			Graduate	Prepare
Gap	Apply	Work	Work	Relocate
Grad	Begin program			