

| Planning for Graduate Work | Months Before Enrollment | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Domestic Students | 26-14 | 14-12 | 12-11 | 11-8 | 8-7 | 7-5 | 5-4 | 4-2 | 2-0 | 0-+6 | 0- +8 |
| Laying the Groundwork | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Gain Research Experience | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Develop Skills | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Discuss Opportunities with Advisor | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Explore Career Options | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finding a Graduate Program | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Preparing Competitive Applications | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Take GRE Exam | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. Take Subject Exam (if required) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. Make Application (letters, transcripts, etc.) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. Visit Prospective Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. Accept Offer | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Getting off to a Good Start | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. Research at a graduate institution | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. Move to New Location | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. Entrance Exams/TA Training | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14. Setting Goals - Indiv. Develop. Plan (IDP) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15. Choose Research Advisor | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Networking | | | | | | | | | | | | |

