

PREPARING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

1. Decide whether this is the right next step
 - a. There is a lot of material on the right questions to ask yourself
2. If so, decide what field(s) you're interested in and where to apply
 - a. Consider what you enjoy
 - b. Lookup up the institutions where your favorite textbooks come from
 - c. Speak to professors and see what schools they recommend
 - d. There is much more material available in this area
3. Once you have a list, make an application timeline for each school, listing all the application requirements and when they're due; probable list:
 - a. Note that several of the items below must be planned for well in advance, particularly the tests and recommendations
 - i. Standardized tests (GRE) and scores
 1. Free Subject Practice tests are available online at <http://www.gre.org/pracmats.html#subtest>
 - ii. Transcript
 - iii. Recommendations
 - iv. Personal Statement
 - v. Writing Sample or Portfolio
 - vi. Application form itself
4. Do not neglect investigating financial aid options at each school in the application process