

GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION TIMETABLE *

Presented below is a suggested timetable that you may find helpful when considering graduate school for the upcoming fall semester. This timetable may vary depending on application deadlines for different graduate programs. Check for specific application deadlines in the Peterson's Graduate Program Guides and other graduate school resources available in our Career Resource Center, King Library, and online. When writing to graduate institutions, be certain to address your correspondence to the **graduate** admissions office. For additional information about graduate school services, please refer to our website at: www.muohio.edu/careers/

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Research areas of interest, institutions, and programs.<input type="checkbox"/> Talk to advisers and faculty for advice.<input type="checkbox"/> Contact graduate schools directly for catalogs and information about specific programs and check on each school's website.<input type="checkbox"/> Investigate assistantship, fellowship, and scholarship opportunities, including support for minority students, as appropriate.<input type="checkbox"/> Determine if there are any special admission requirements (e.g., portfolios, auditions, prior professional work experience, etc.).<input type="checkbox"/> Register and prepare for appropriate graduate admission tests if required.<input type="checkbox"/> For medical, dental, osteopathy, podiatry, or law school, you may need to register for the national centralized application service most programs use.<input type="checkbox"/> Take required graduate admission tests.<input type="checkbox"/> Attend our workshop, "Planning for Graduate School."<input type="checkbox"/> If you plan to attend law school, check out the programs sponsored by the Pre-Law Center (www.cas.muohio.edu/prelaw/).
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Visit institutions of interest, if possible.<input type="checkbox"/> Take or retake graduate admission tests if necessary.<input type="checkbox"/> Check on application deadlines for specific assistantship, fellowship, and scholarship opportunities.<input type="checkbox"/> Request letters of recommendation, as necessary.<input type="checkbox"/> Write application essay or statement of professional goals if required.<input type="checkbox"/> Budget for nonrefundable application fees.<input type="checkbox"/> Submit the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov, if required.
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Take or retake graduate admission tests if necessary.<input type="checkbox"/> Work on completing application forms.<input type="checkbox"/> Send in/submit online application forms for schools of your choice (application deadlines vary; check with individual schools).<input type="checkbox"/> Keep copies of everything you send!
JANUARY – APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Send in/submit online application forms for schools of your choice if not already done (remember, earlier is usually better).<input type="checkbox"/> Check with all institutions before the application deadline to make sure your file is complete.<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for campus interviews if required.<input type="checkbox"/> Be sure to follow up with thank-you notes after interviews.<input type="checkbox"/> Notify other graduate schools of your choice once accepted.
APRIL – SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Make arrangements for housing.<input type="checkbox"/> Plan to attend the appropriate fall orientation programs for new graduate students.

* For individuals applying for professional school admission (e.g., medical, dental, veterinary, law, etc.), check with the appropriate Special Program Adviser within your department for specific application procedures.