Planning Guide

Summer before Senior Year
- Begin collecting information about programs and institutions that interest you.
- Letters of recommendation
- Professors/Colleagues
- Campus Visit

September of Senior Year
- Write for application materials.
- Speak with faculty members about graduate school and ask for letters of recommendation.
- Register for any standardized tests that you need to take.

October (or the summer)
- Take standardized test(s). For information on taking the GRE (online, in Madison), see this link.
- Prepare a statement of objectives

November - December
- Complete application forms and mail them no later than January 1st.
- Some programs will want to have a transcript that includes fall grades in your application packet.
- Ask for letters of recommendation to be mailed.

December - January
- Visit campuses

February - March
- Receive letters of acceptance and offers of assistantships

March - April
- Accept offer. Note that April 15th is the nationally recognized date for a binding acceptance by a student