

## General Information

### What are graduate school admission decisions based on?

- Grade point average
- Graduate test scores (GRE, GMAT, LSAT)
- Letters of recommendation
- [Application Essay](#)
- Research Experience/Internship Experience
- Volunteer/Service Projects

### What About Application Deadlines?

Application deadlines range from August (before your senior year) to late spring or summer (after your senior year). Most deadlines for fall classes are between January and March.

### What about Financial Aid?

Financing a graduate education is accomplished in four main ways.

- Fellowships – grants that are generally awarded on the basis of academic merit. There are fellowships available that can be earned and used at a graduate school of your choice.  
Fellowships
- Teaching Assistantships
- Research Assistants
- Grants and Loans

Deadlines for financial aid applications can be as early as the January before you enroll. Many schools are now using the Graduate and Professional School Financial Aid Service. Check with the Financial Aid Office for application materials or write or call:

Graduate and Professional School Financial Aid Service  
Box 2614  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540  
(800) 448 4631

### When are Assitantships and Fellowships awarded?

Most of the time assistantships and fellowships are handled by the individual academic departments. Contact your specific area to find out how to apply. Many are awarded in March.