Graduate School Application Important Dates

● **Summer 2020**
  ○ Study for the GREs
  ○ Make a list of doctoral programs you are interested in applying to
    - Note the deadlines and requirements for each graduate school program
    - Look over fee waivers for each program
  ○ Start writing your personal statement
  ○ Apply to attend undergraduate research conferences [SACNAS](#) (7/10 deadline) and [ABRCMS](#) (8/20/20) to receive graduate school fee waivers

● **September – October 2020**
  ○ Ask for Letters of Recommendations once you have a personal statement draft ready
  ○ Have colleagues and professors look over your personal statements
  ○ Remind your letter writers about the letter of recommendations
  ○ Take the GREs one last time (mid-October the latest)

● **November – December 2020**
  ○ Final reminders to your mentors writing letters of recommendation
  ○ Final edits to the personal statement and diversity statement
  ○ Submit application (~a week or two before the deadline)
  ○ Most applications are due Dec. 1st!

Graduate School Fellowships (apply as a college senior)

● [National Science Fellowship Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#) (10/21/20 – 10/25/20)
● [Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship](#) (10/29/20)
● [GEM Fellowship Program](#) (11/15/20)
● [Ford Foundation PreDoctoral Fellowship](#) (Dec. 2020)
● [Hertz Foundation Fellowship](#) (Oct. 2020)
After submitting your graduate school application

- **Ph.D. program Invitations**: December – end of January
  - For Biological and biomedical Ph.D. programs, if you do not hear back by the first week of February, you’re probably not accepted or waitlisted
    - A graduate school interview is not an acceptance!
  - Some Ph.D. programs such as Chemistry do not have interview weekends, but will send acceptance offers instead of interviews

- **Ph.D. program Recruitment Weekends (for some programs)**: January – March
  - You will learn about their program and be interviewed by faculty members

- **Ph.D. program acceptance offers**: 2 weeks – 1 month after recruitment weekend
  - The program makes a limited number of acceptances and the rest will be waitlisted or declined

- **Ph.D. program decisions due**: ~April 15
  - Accept program of interest
  - Kindly decline the other programs you are not interested in