

GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION GUIDE: **THE ESSENTIAL NUTS & BOLTS**

General requirement/expectation for graduate school applicants: students have spent 2+ semesters and/or summers of independent research

TIMETABLE: What you do the year you apply (to begin the following Fall)

SUMMER

- research programs, correspond with faculty
- take the GRE

FALL

- research programs, correspond with faculty
- take the GRE if you procrastinated! (or want to improve your score)
- assemble application materials:**

(1) transcript---specific classes? depends on your field

(2) GRE

(3) solicit letters of recommendation: you need 3 from people who know you in science-related ways, with 1 being a supervisor in your research area

(4) CV and personal/research statement editing

--applications due typically starting Dec 1, other common dates are Dec 15

SPRING

--interviews!!! starting in January, running through February and March

April 15th: National Decision Day