

# Grad School Checklist

- Goals:** Why are you going to grad school? What is your ultimate goal? Does the program align with that goal?
- Do your research!:** Refer to the resources on our grad school webpage. Talk to your professors about programs!
- Tests:** Know what tests are needed for admission and what scores are acceptable. There are many tests for different programs, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, TOEFEL, MCAT and DAT. Check out the link to the [Princeton Review](#) for more about testing.
- Keep everything logged!:** You may be applying to several programs, so be sure to keep track of all of the requirements, processes, deadlines and tests of each school.
- Online or traditional program?:** Gauge what type of program will be right for you and what environment you will thrive in.
- Costs:** How are you going to pay? Look at financial aid, employer contribution, fellowships and graduate assistant positions. If you ask, many schools will waive the application fee.
- Ask questions!:** Be sure to check their website for key information. Be sure to ask about:
  - ▶ What hands-on experience will you get?
  - ▶ Where are their alumni now?
  - ▶ What is the faculty to student ratio?
- Schedule a visit!:** Whether you are able to formally meet with faculty and students or not visiting is a great way to gauge your interest.
- Housing:** Do they have on campus housing for grad students? Look at costs of living both on and off campus.
- Interviews:** Not all schools conduct interviews. However, if you have been asked to interview, schedule it ASAP! Dress in business attire and prepare by using [Big Interview](#). You can choose graduate school-specific interview questions to practice with.
- Accept or reject:** Hopefully you have received an acceptance. Weigh your interest in the program with the cost.

