Graduate School Application Important Dates

- **Summer 2019**
  - 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 (7/8 deadline) and ABRCMS, (8/20/19) to receive graduate school fee waivers

- **September – October 2019**
  - 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 2019**
  - 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 (10/21/19 – 10/25/19)
- Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship (11/1/19)
- GEM Fellowship Program (11/12/19)
- Ford Foundation PreDoctoral Fellowship (12/17/19)
- Hertz Foundation Fellowship (Oct. 2019)

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