First Steps:

- What is your goal?

- Now, what kind of program will help you achieve that goal?

- What experiences will help you get into that program?

- Do you need to go right away, or do you want to explore other experiences first (work, volunteering, service, etc.)?

If you are going into a thesis- or dissertation-based program:

- Which research area is right for you?

- What kind of lab dynamics would work for you? (Hands-on / hands-off, big or small laboratory, field or lab based research, etc.)

- Which PIs (faculty) do you want to work with?
DO YOUR RESEARCH

- Start researching graduate school programs early - most have rolling admission but others have specific deadlines during the fall
- Request information from schools that interest you
- Take the GRE practice test

AUGUST

Take the GRE General Test (if required)
If you are not happy with the scores, it will give you time to take it again

SEPTEMBER

Letters of Recommendation
Contact your letters of recommendation providers and begin drafting your personal statement

OCTOBER

Request your transcripts
Request the official transcripts from your undergraduate institution(s) and follow up with the letter of recommendation requests

NOVEMBER

Get some feedback
Visit The Career Center to have your personal statement reviewed and make sure your GRE scored are being sent to the programs you applied to.

DECEMBER

Finish your application
Complete and submit all graduate school applications and verify your recommendations have been sent