



UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME

Office of Multicultural Student
Programs and Services

GRADUATE SCHOOL CHECKLIST

Research the Programs (late junior year)

- ✓ Identify what you are looking for in a master's or doctoral program (things to consider: faculty, program reputation, funding)
- ✓ Professors are an excellent resource in identifying programs that may be a good fit for you
- ✓ Research each program and narrow your field (5-10 programs)

Application Process (senior year)

- ✓ Arrange a meeting with the Undergraduate and Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship Office to find fellowships that will fund your graduate program fellows@nd.edu (early fall)
- ✓ Take the GRE and/or GRE subject Tests and have them sent to each program that you are applying to www.ets.org/gre/ (fall)
- ✓ Identify your references (Notre Dame professors are a must!)
- ✓ Prepare your personal statement and ask a faculty member to review it
- ✓ Request the submission of your transcripts from the Office of the Registrar to each program that you are applying to
- ✓ Submit the applications and their fees in a timely manner
- ✓ Complete FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov/ (early January)

Decision Time (spring)

- ✓ Complete the commitments forms and pay the appropriate fee for the program that you have selected
- ✓ Notify other institutions who have selected you that have decided to go elsewhere
- ✓ Send thank you notes to the people who wrote your recommendations and let them know about your final decision