THE HDFC ADVISEMENT CENTER GUIDE TO grad school and career planning

SUGGESTIONS
A few helpful pieces of information to take into consideration
- Find programs with strong connections to the community or with faculty members who have similar research interests
- Review college rankings through sites such as US News and World Reports
- Visit the Career Services Center to complete inventories/assessments to help you explore career paths and graduate programs
- Nationally accredited graduate programs are recommended
- Visit the schools and ask questions of admissions, faculty and current students

ALTERNATE ROUTES
Students may be considering alternative "gap year" programs such as AmeriCorps, Teach for America or Fulbright Scholarships

TIMELINES
Varies by school/program but these general timelines can help

JUNIOR YEAR
Begin researching schools/programs to find a good fit and see what is required for admission, study for the GRE and take the test at least once (if required), begin drafting your personal statement, speak with Career Services or professors for career guidance

SENIOR YEAR
Take the GRE again (if necessary), update your resume, ask for letters of recommendation, get copies of your transcript, apply for programs

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