

## THE HDFS 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

## TIMELINES

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*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.

*Psychological and Brain Sciences has a [helpful Student Guide](#) to the Grad School Search on their website.*

## ALTERNATE ROUTES

Students may be considering [alternative “gap year” programs](#) such as AmeriCorps, Teach for America or Fulbright Scholarships.

## COMMON GRAD PROGRAMS

[Social Work](#), [Education or Special Education](#), [Human Development and Family Sciences](#), [Human Resources](#), [School Counseling](#), [Marriage and Family Therapy](#), [Public Health](#), [Public Policy/Administration](#)