

- Look through the discipline publication, for example the "Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas" -- available in the department
- Look up the web sites of the programs you are interested in
- Talk to the professors, more than one professor if possible, whose research is of interest to you, phone or email the professor(s) and visit the schools you are interested in if time permits
- You should probably apply to three or four different schools to improve your odds of getting at least one assistantship offer

TM Organize the application materials together

- Transcript or transcripts
- GRE test scores: Take the GRE by the end of the first semester of your senior year, e.g., fall semester if you graduate in spring
- Resume
- Recommendation letters -- ask appropriate professors and give them plenty of time ahead of the application deadline
- Essays or statements
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