

# Timeline: Engineering Graduate School

## First Year

**Think about your options.** Ask yourself:

Do I want to go to graduate school? Do I want to work first?

Discuss the idea of graduate school with an advisor, PGP staff, faculty and other professionals

**Fall of your first and second years:** Apply for REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) and internships

**Beginning in the Spring:** Research programs and schools. Speak with knowledgeable alumni, establish contacts with faculty at that school

Make a final decision on which programs you will apply for; an MS or a Ph.D. program?

## Second Year

## Third Year

**Summer:** Register, study for and take the GRE's (Graduate Record Exams).

**Summer and Fall:** Begin graduate school essays and applications

## Fourth Year

**Fall:** Request letters of recommendation

**Fall:** Complete applications; generally due December to January

Explore funding opportunities: scholarships and fellowships

Receive responses in March; decide where you will attend!