APPLICATION TIMELINE
for GRADUATE SCHOOL for Masters and/or Ph.D

Junior Year (or 18 mo. prior to planned matriculation) March - August	Senior Year (12 months before) September - November	Senior Year (9 mo prior) December - March	Senior Year (6 mo prior) April - August
Research programs: resources include Reed faculty, discipline leaders; career services library, staff and website; alumni	Apply 6 weeks prior to deadline for admission and funding advantage.	Contact programs to insure completion of application.	Choose a program: degree completion record, destination of graduates, assistantship and funding offer, personal fit.
Meet with faculty to discuss interest, discipline specific issues, letters of recommendation, etc.	Prepare personal statement writing (several drafts, several readers)	Update applications by contacting programs with fall semester grades.	Visit programs for final decision.
Prepare for GRE and if required, subject tests. Subject tests dates held in April, Oct, and Nov. (more detail see www.ets.org	Prepare resume or curriculum vitae	Prepare for interviews: meet with faculty for questions to anticipate; participate in mock interviews with career services.	Write and thank references with updates of your success.
Take GRE and subject tests prior to school starting in the fall.	Request faculty recommendations –3-4 weeks in advance and provide personal statement and self- addressed stamped envelope as needed.	Continue pursuit of funding: discuss possible opportunities with discipline leaders with whom you have been in contact.	Update Reed through career services and department on outcomes.
Prepare personal statement (career services offers workshops in fall and spring semesters)	Request transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (Reed needs 2 weeks notice)		
Investigate fellowships and awards through Reed: see www.reed.edu/academic/student grants/	Seek funding; contact Graduate Fellowship Office at programs ; career services library and website.		
Visit targeted graduate programs during summer travels if possible.	Submit necessary funding applications.		
Recommended resources: 1) Graduate Admissions Essays, Don Asher (strategies and essay prep) 2) Writing Personal Statements, Joe Schall	Take GRE (score reports 10 – 15 days after testing) Test scores needed for application to be complete.		
	Register for subject tests in September.		