

Applying to Grad School in

# Philosophy



## Prepping Your Application Materials

What you'll need: personal statement (or statement of intent), writing sample, transcripts, GRE score, and letters of recommendation. About those letters: you should request them AT LEAST one month in advance and you should ask your profs if they can write you [strong letters of recommendation](#). Most deadlines are in December or January.

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## Where could you go?

Ask your advisor or current faculty to meet with you to discuss where to apply. Tell them about your interests and apply to schools where you'll have people to work with. Start a spreadsheet keeping track of application deadlines and info. **You should think about this prior to and during the fall term of your senior year!**

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Things to consider when you're deciding where to accept: (1) what is the funding package and will you have an option for health insurance? (2) [Are current grad students in that department having a good experience?](#) (Reach out to them to ask!) (3) Are there faculty who you'll want on your dissertation committee? (4) Is the placement record good? (Do their students get jobs?)

## MORE INFO

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