September

Plan to take GRE’s in the Fall
Most programs require the general exam and some also require the Geology subject exam

Write resume
(see Geo dept and Career Services resources)

October-November

Select prospective graduate schools

Request application forms and departmental information

December-early January

Request Letters of Recommendation

If letters of recommendation are required for your application you need to request these from your references at least one month in advance of the application due date.

When you ask someone for a letter of recommendation you should supply the following information:

- a copy of your resume (include internships)
- a listing of your major courses and your grades
- a list or paragraph outlining your goals for graduate school
- any necessary forms
- an addressed envelope to send the recommendation

Complete your applications
Most are due between January and February

The applications typically include writing a statement of interest or some other essay; plan to write this well in advance of the application due date and ask others to review your essay.

Put ‘em in the mail!