**Putting Points on the Board for Graduate School**

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| **Accomplishment** | **Points** | **Total** |
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| Grade Point Average | 3.0-3.25=1; 3.25-3.5=2; 3.5-3.75=3; 3.75-4.0=4 |  |
| GRE Combined Score (Verbal+ Quant) | 300-307=1; 308-315=3; 316-323=5; >324=7 |  |
| Letter of Recommendation | Positive=1; excellent=3; outstanding=5 |  |
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| Personal Statement | Well-organized=1 |  |
|  | Grammatically correct=1 |  |
|  | Highlights your accomplishments and strengths=1 |  |
|  | Addresses why you want to go to that program=2 |  |
|  | Research/career focus matches grad program=1 |  |
| Professional Resume’ | 1 |  |
| Interview (if applicable) | Positive=1; excellent=2; outstanding=3 |  |
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| Research Assistant/experience | 2 |  |
| Independent Readings/Research | 2 |  |
| Undergraduate thesis | 2 |  |
| Academic fellowship/grant | 2 |  |
| Research presented at conference | 3 |  |
| Research submitted for publication | 3 |  |
| Research published | 4 |  |
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| Honor societies | Member=2; officer=4 |  |
| Academic organizations (e.g.,Psyc Club) | Member=1; officer=3 |  |
| Social organization (e.g., frat/sorority) | Officer=1 |  |
| Academic award/honor | 1 |  |
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| Volunteer community service | Participant=1; leadership=2 |  |
| Volunteer practical experience | 3 |  |
| Paid practical experience | 4 |  |
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| **TOTAL POINTS** |  |  |

Approximate Points Needed:\*

Tier II Masters program 10

Tier I Masters program 15

Tier III Doctoral program 25

Tier II Doctoral program 35

Tier I Doctoral program 45

\*These points are only to be used as rough guidelines. A large number of factors influence graduate school admission decisions.