

MMUF/ADRF The GRE

The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is a standardized test required by many graduate programs. The general GRE includes three sections: verbal, math, and writing. Some fields also require a GRE subject test, which is taken at a different sitting. The GRE website – gre.org – has information about both tests.

All MMUF and ADRF fellows are required to take the GRE by fall of senior year whether or not you plan to apply to grad school right away. We offer various forms of support, and we want you to take the test under these good conditions. Here's an outline of our plan:

- Juniors will have a two-day GRE workshop with a test preparation instructor during the Summer Research Colloquium. OSAP will provide each fellow with a GRE book.
- During your junior year, you should take some practice tests and study vocabulary.
- During the senior retreat, there will be two review sessions. They'll be followed by two more required sessions (probably on Saturdays in September).
- Your fellowship will pay for one test. If you need to take a subject test as well as the general, or if you want to take the general test twice, please save some stipend money and budget for that.
- Financial Aid can tell you if you are eligible for a fee waiver (which covers half of the cost of the test). If you are, you need to apply for the waiver about six weeks before you register for the test, so for most of you, that means you should start that process by mid July.
- In August, we will sign up all seniors for a test date in late September at the Albany test center. We'll provide transportation, and you'll provide camaraderie.
- You are welcome to take the GRE in the spring of junior year or that following summer. If your scores are where you want them to be, you'll be done. If not, you can go through the review sessions and take it again in the fall.

Advice from past fellows:

- no need for printout of tickets except for paper-based test
- do practice test with essays to prepare for full length of test
- don't panic if you see an easier question; try not to think about it
- start prepping for vocab sooner; use Magoosh (free GRE vocab app)
- bring lunch or snack
- try for morning test slot rather than afternoon