**Veterinary School Application Timeline**

- **November**: By this time, you should have reached out to individuals regarding letters of recommendation.
- **January—May**: VMCAS opens mid-January, but programs will not be available until May 12! TMDSAS opens on May 1st; Start Early… this takes a while. VMCAS Closes mid-September!
- **June**: Start Interviewing at Veterinary Schools.

### Fall prior to App. Year

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<th>Application Year: Winter - Spring - (Fall may be in either final year at UCSB or First Gap Year)</th>
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### Factors to Consider Before Applying

1. **Competitive GPAs**: Cumulative GPA and science/BCPM GPA both at or above 3.5? If not, may consider post-bacc. programs.
2. **Competitive GRE Score**: Composite score at or above the national average (308- Combined QR and VR)? If not, retake?
3. **Extracurricular Involvement**
   - **Shadowing**: Able to shadow a variety of professionals in various settings?
   - **Clinical Experience**: Work or volunteer experience, ideally with direct patient contact?
   - **Volunteering (Non-Medical)**: Any service or volunteer work in the local community or your hometown?
   - **Research**: Did you participate in undergraduate research?
   - **Other**: (Student org. involvement, non-medical work, athletics, study/travel abroad, etc.)
4. **Personal Statement**: Draft or Final Draft completed?
5. **Letters of Recommendation**: Requested and tentative date of application has been communicated to writers?

*Remember, quality is always better than quantity, and long-term involvement is usually more meaningful than short stints.*