2021 NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021 (VIRTUAL)
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021 (IN-PERSON)

This university-wide orientation will complement program-specific orientations or welcome events hosted by your college, school or institute.
AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021 (VIRTUAL)

Welcome to Georgia State University | 9–9:30 a.m. EDT
General Session | Lisa Armistead, Ph.D. Dean, The Graduate School

Negotiating Advising and Mentoring Relationships | 9:30–10:15 a.m. EDT
General Session | Nadine Kabengi, Ph.D. Associate Dean, The Graduate School

MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Looking Ahead to Employment | 10:30–11:15 a.m. EDT

Be Well at GSU: Support for Health and Wellness | 10:30–11:15 a.m. EDT

BREAK (15 mins.)

Building Community Around Underrepresented Groups | 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. EDT

Nationally Competitive Fellowships | 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. EDT

LUNCH BREAK (45 mins.)

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Grad Life at Georgia State Panel Discussion | 1–2 p.m. EDT

Research Support from Day 1 to Graduation:
An Introduction to the University Library | 1–2 p.m. EDT
AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021 (VIRTUAL)

BREAK (10 mins.)

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Navigating Academia: A Workshop for First-Generation Graduate Students | 2:10–3 p.m. EDT

Academic Socialization for International Students: Understanding and Overcoming the Challenges of Graduate School | 2:10–3 p.m. EDT

BREAK (10 mins.)

GENERAL SESSION

Academic Writing Support: Academic Integrity & Avoidance of Plagiarism | 3:10–4 p.m. EDT

Closing Remarks
Lisa Armistead, Ph.D. Dean, The Graduate School | 4:00 p.m. EDT

Students who wish to request accommodations for a disability may do so by connecting with the Georgia State University Access and Accommodations Center (AACE).
AGENDA
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021 (IN-PERSON MORNING SESSION)
GSU Student Center, 55 Gilmer St. SE, Atlanta, GA 30303

BREAKOUT SESSIONS | 9–10 A.M.

Success in Your Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) | Court Salon
Building Community Around Underrepresented Groups | House Salon
Navigating Academia: First-Generation Graduate Students | Senate Salon
Resources and Support from The Graduate School | Speaker’s Auditorium

Visit Resource Tables | 10-10:30 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS | 10:30–11:30 A.M.

Grad Life at Georgia State Panel Discussion | House Salon
Success in Your Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) | Speaker's Auditorium
Resources and Support from The Graduate School | Senate Salon

Tying Up Loose Ends | Resource Tables | Campus Tour | 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
AGENDA
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021 (IN-PERSON AFTERNOON SESSION)
GSU Student Center, 55 Gilmer St. SE, Atlanta, GA 30303

BREAKOUT SESSIONS | 1:30–2:30 P.M.

- Resources and Support from the Graduate School | House Salon
- Navigating Academia: First-Generation College Students | Senate Salon
- Success in Your Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) | Speaker's Auditorium

Visit Resource Tables | 2:30–3 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS | 3–4 P.M.

- Success in Your Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) | Court Salon
- Building Community Around Underrepresented Groups | House Salon
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Resources for Graduate Students | Senate Salon
- Grad Life at Georgia State Panel Discussion | Speaker's Auditorium

Tying Up Loose Ends | Resource Tables | Campus Tour | 4-5 p.m. EDT
SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

ACADEMIC SOCIALIZATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: UNDERSTANDING AND OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES OF GRADUATE SCHOOL

Sharon Cavusgil, Senior Lecturer, Department of Applied Linguistics & ESL / category: community, writing support

We'll examine the academic socialization processes often experienced by international graduate students beginning graduate programs in the United States. We'll focus on challenges new graduate students often experience related to culture and language as well as explore suggestions to foster a positive academic experience.

ACADEMIC WRITING SUPPORT | ACADEMIC INTEGRITY & AVOIDANCE OF PLAGIARISM

The Writing Studio & Nadine Kabengi, Ph.D. / category: writing support

Writing support is available for every part of the writing process at Georgia State University, whether you're brainstorming a short paper or need final revision assistance on your dissertation. This session will highlight writing support options and introduce participants to the Writing Studio.

BE WELL AT GSU: SUPPORT FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Counseling and Testing Center / category: wellness

Focusing on your physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being is essential to success in graduate school. This session will highlight some of the many resources available to graduate students.

BUILDING COMMUNITY AROUND UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS

The Multicultural Center / category: community

Meet the Multicultural Center staff and learn about programs and initiatives aimed at building community around underrepresented groups.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION RESOURCES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Curtis Bryd, Ed.D. & Lisa Armistead, Ph.D. / category: research, community

Learn about DEI events, activities, programs, research projects, opportunities, and resources to support graduate students. Take a guided tour through Georgia State’s DEI website and THRIVE inventory.
SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

GRAD LIFE AT GEORGIA STATE DISCUSSION PANEL

The Graduate School / category: community
This session will highlight strategies graduate students can use to get involved with graduate life at Georgia State.

LOOKING AHEAD TO EMPLOYMENT

University Career Services / category: career management
Whether you’re on an industry or academic track, having a general career plan can be helpful as you navigate graduate school. This session will offer points for consideration as you look ahead to post-graduate employment.

NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS

Katrina Helz, Fellowships Advisor / category: career, research, financial
Learn more about how to find and apply to nationally-competitive and prestigious fellowships. Hear from Fellowships Advisor Katrina Helz as she shares insights into the application process for fellowships such as the NSF-GRFP, NIH, Fulbright, Boren, Ford, and others.

NAVIGATING ACADEMIA: A WORKSHOP FOR FIRST-GENERATION GRADUATE STUDENTS

Curtis Byrd, Ed.D. & Lisa Armistead, Ph.D. / category: research, teaching
This workshop covers hidden expectations, specifically related to the three pillars of academia—research, teaching, and service. Through discussion, attendees will leave with a working knowledge of how to navigate academic processes and succeed as scholars.

NEGOTIATING ADVISING AND MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS

Lisa Armistead, Ph.D. / category: career and communication
What is a mentor? What do they do for me? What are my responsibilities? Learn keys to building and maintaining good relationships with your mentor advisors.
SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

RESEARCH SUPPORT FROM DAY ONE TO GRADUATION: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

University Library / category: research

Learn about the University Library and the many resources they have available to graduate students, including an array of professionals to assist you in finding and collecting existing published research to ground and guide your own research, and more!

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Graduate School / category: professional development

Learn about The Graduate School's various programs and initiatives designed to support graduate students throughout their time at Georgia State.

SUCCESS IN YOUR GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP (GRA)

Kyle Frantz, Ph.D. / category: research & time management

Learn what attributes are needed to be a successful graduate research assistant. Session will not focus on obtaining GRA appointments, so only students with GRA positions should attend.

SUCCESS IN YOUR GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP (GTA)

CETLOE & AA/EEO Training and Compliance / category: research & teaching

Learn tips for first-time teaching assistants, instructional support resources, FERPA and Title IX guidance. Session will not focus on obtaining GTA appointments, so only students with GTA positions should attend.

TYING UP LOOSE ENDS

Students can use this time to make sure their affairs are in order before the semester starts - whether you need to get your Panther card, get vaccinated (appointments must be set up in advance), purchase a parking pass, or take action on any items preventing you from enrolling in classes. Campus tour guides will also be on site to show you around campus, if you so wish.
### General & Breakout Session Notes

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Visit [graduate.gsu.edu](https://graduate.gsu.edu) for news, professional development events and resources.
Virtual Orientation Day Tips

We are so excited to welcome you for New Graduate Student Orientation. We know that external factors are bound to have some effect on your orientation experience, so we’ve collected some tips to help you make the most of your time with us!

**TEST YOUR TECHNOLOGY**

1. Make sure you are able to connect to Hop-In before the start of orientation and find a location with a strong internet connection to avoid missing any valuable information. Your email confirmation will have a link to the Hop-In event or you can join from your mobile device. If you still cannot join, you can try to troubleshoot the issues that you are facing.

   [Hopin Troubleshooting Tips](#)

**LOCATE YOUR SESSIONS**

2. Customize your agenda by creating a list of all sessions you're interested in attending. This will help you navigate the system more easily and reduce the amount of time you spend reviewing the agenda for reminders.

**MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS**

3. While you can't plan for every distraction, do your best to limit potential distractions. Find a quiet room, use headphones, or go to a local coffee shop to minimize distractions and allow you to fully engage with the day's sessions.

**ENGAGE**

4. Orientation is your opportunity to engage with graduate faculty, staff, graduate student leaders, and your peers. During each session there will be a Q&A session with the speaker(s), where you can ask questions.

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