



**Princeton University
Graduate School Orientation
August 26 & 27, 2020**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020

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WELCOME ADDRESSES (WATCH VIDEO)

9:00 AM – 9:40 AM

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Christopher L. Eisgruber '83, *President*

WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

Cole Crittenden *05, *Acting Dean of the Graduate School and Deputy Dean, Academic Affairs*

INTRODUCTION TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Cole Crittenden *05, *Acting Dean of the Graduate School and Deputy Dean, Academic Affairs*

Mary Bechler, *Senior Associate Dean, Finance and Administration*

Renita Miller, *Associate Dean, Access Diversity and Inclusion*

Evangeline Kubu, *Associate Dean, Professional Development*

Lisa Schreyer, *Associate Dean, Student Life*

ASSOCIATION OF PRINCETON GRADUATE ALUMNI

Amelia Brown *08, *APGA President*

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Katzenjammers, *Princeton A Cappella Group*

SUCCESS IN GRADUATE SCHOOL: A FACULTY AND STUDENT VIEW (LIVE WEBINAR)

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

Cole Crittenden*05, *Deputy Dean, Academic Affairs*

Brooke Holmes *05, *Professor of Classics*

Jonathan Pillow, *Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience*

Karina Alventosa gs, *Civil and Environmental Engineering, GSG President*

Lindsay Griffiths gs, *English*

Mark Lee gs, *Princeton School of Public and International Affairs*

A panel of faculty and students will address the most important things to keep in mind in order to be successful in graduate school.

VIRTUAL INFORMATION FAIR

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Come visit the virtual booths of various university offices to learn more about what is available to you here at Princeton!

Race and Racism in the United States (LIVE WEBINAR)

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Renita Miller, *Associate Dean, Access Diversity and Inclusion*

Shawn Maxam, *Senior Associate Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of the Provost*

The United States is grappling with racial injustice and national protests for change. What is the social construction of race in the US context? How does that differ from constructions of race in other countries? What is the historical legacy and impact of racism today? What is the impact of representation? This session will provide an introductory overview to and will situate racism and representation within Princeton University and the broader American higher education landscape.



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Choosing an Adviser and Working with the Adviser You've Chosen (LIVE WEBINAR)

ENGINEERING AND NATURAL SCIENCES PHD STUDENTS

3:30 PM –4:15 PM

Christine Murphy, *Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs*

Vanessa Gonzalez-Perez, *Assistant Dean, Diversity Initiatives in the Natural Sciences*

Doctoral research is conducted under the guidance of a faculty adviser. Some students apply to work with a specific faculty member, while others undergo a faculty adviser search during the first year. While there are different ways to match with an adviser, all Ph.D. students are required to have an adviser. This session will focus on providing answers to questions students have about faculty advisers and provide students with tools to developing a productive relationship with their adviser. This session will include a student panel with representatives from the natural sciences and engineering divisions.

Understanding Your Costs and Funding (LIVE WEBINAR)

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES PHD STUDENTS AND MASTERS STUDENTS

3:30 PM –4:15 PM

Mary Bechler, *Senior Associate Dean for Finance and Administration*

Jacqueline Knowlton, *Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration*

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Geoffrey Hill, *Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs*

Rayna Truelove, *Assistant Dean, Access, Diversity and Inclusion*

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VIRTUAL SOCIAL EVENTS

Have fun and meet fellow new graduate students! Sign-up links were sent to new graduate students and can be found in Canvas. Please sign-up for any of the below virtual events by 5pm on August 26th to receive your sign-up confirmation email and event link.

7:00 PM – 7:45 PM

SPEED FRIENDING

SIX DEGREES OF CONNECTIONS

PRINCETON AND NEW JERSEY THEMED TRIVIA NIGHT

PRINCETON SCAVENGER HUNT

8:00 PM – 8:45 PM

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020

THRIVING IN GRADUATE SCHOOL: CARING FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS (LIVE WEBINAR)

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

Calvin Chin, *Director of Counseling and Psychological Services*

This session will help graduate students reflect on the ways they can care for themselves and others here at Princeton. Through video, small group, and self-reflective exercises, we will teach students the importance of balance for success. We will challenge the notions of perfection and effortless perfection and encourage students to be courageous in acknowledging vulnerability and reaching out for help.

GradFUTURES Professional Development: Empowering Your Future (LIVE WEBINAR)

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES STUDENTS

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Evangeline Kubu, *Associate Dean, Professional Development*

James Van Wyck, *Assistant Dean, Professional Development*

Professional development is an integral part of your graduate education at Princeton University. In this session, you will learn about the variety of programs, resources and opportunities for you to develop the professional skills and competencies needed to succeed at Princeton and beyond. You will also hear from current graduate students who will share their own professional development journey and how their experiences that have helped them build clarity, confidence and connections as they consider a diverse range of career options within academe as well as the nonprofit and corporate sectors.

Library and Computing Resources (LIVE WEBINAR)

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

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Anuradha Vedantham, *Assistant University Librarian for Research Services*

Curtis Hillegas, *Research Computing, Office of Information Technology*

Wind Cowles, *Director, Princeton Research Data Service*

This session will provide graduate students with information about library resources and research computing options available at Princeton.



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Fostering Inclusion

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM (WATCH VIDEO MODULES)

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM (LIVE WEBINAR)

Cheri Burgess, Director, Institutional Equity and EEO, Office of the Provost

Regan Crotty, Director of Gender Equity and Title IX Administration, Office of the Provost

This workshop is designed to assist you in developing positive interpersonal interactions with a diverse cohort of colleagues and fostering a respectful environment. The workshop includes five asynchronous modules (which should be viewed first and provide an introduction to the concepts of assumptions, bias, stereotypes and microaggressions; discuss bystander intervention; and provide information about University resources related to support and reporting) followed by a 45 minutes interactive live session which will include videos and scenarios.

Learning, Writing and Teaching at the Graduate Level (LIVE WEBINAR)

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

*Amanda Irwin Wilkins *05, Director, Princeton Writing Program*

Sarah Schwarz, Associate Director, Graduate Pedagogy Programs, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning

Laura Murray, Assistant Director, Learning Programs, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning

The McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning and the Princeton Writing Program offer options to assist graduate students in developing as writers, teachers and productive scholars. Come find out more about these campus resources, which can help you both in meeting degree requirements and in preparing for future careers.

Housing & Transportation, Student Life & Family Support Resources (LIVE WEBINAR)

3:30 PM – 4:15 PM

Lisa Schreyer, Associate Dean, Student Life

Elaine Willey, Assistant Dean, Academic Administration

Kim Jackson, Director of Transportation and Parking

Lisa DePaul, Associate Director for Engagement, Housing and Real Estate Services



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This session will provide graduate students with information about room draw which is the annual room selection process for current students and answer questions you may have concerning graduate housing. This session will also introduce students to the numerous support resources and programming that help to foster community and work-life balance for graduate students.

**Understanding the Student Health Plan and University Health Services (LIVE WEBINAR)
4:30 PM – 5:15 PM**

Valerie Lewis, *Associate Director of Medical Service, University Health Services*

Michele Gregory, *Student Health Plan Manager, University Health Services*

This session will provide graduate students with information about the services and resources provided by University Health Services and give an opportunity for students to ask questions about the Student Health Plan.

VIRTUAL GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Come visit the virtual booths of various graduate student organizations, meet graduate student leaders and get involved!

Princeton 101 – Local Information from a Student’s Perspective (LIVE WEBINAR)

7:30 PM – 8:15 PM

Thomas Wilson *gs, Classics*

Shelby Sinclair *gs, History*

Ari Seff *gs, Computer Science*

Darshan Sivaloganathan *gs, Chemical and Biological Engineering*

Mary Naydan *gs, English*

Daniel Shaw *gs, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

This session will include a panel of current graduate students. This is an opportunity to hear from current graduate students about their experiences living at Princeton and offer advice on things to do on campus and around campus. There will be a Q&A session.

GSG AND APGA VIRTUAL WELCOME TOAST TO NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

9:00 PM

The Graduate Student Government and the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni invites you to participate in a virtual welcome toast! Meet members of the GSG, Princeton graduate alumni and other new graduate students.

Please register in advance. Registration link was sent to new graduate students and can be found in Canvas. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information to join the virtual event.

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