

2019 GRADUATE ADVISORS WORKSHOP

- 8:00 am – 8:30 am **Check-in and Breakfast – Gates Ballroom MSC 2400**
- 8:30 am – 8:50 am **Welcome and OGAPS Overview – Gates Ballroom MSC 2400**
Dr. Karen Butler-Purry, Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **General Session: Helping Students in Need, Inclusiveness, Diversity – Facilitated by Student Counseling Services, Multicultural Services, and Graduate Student Ombuds – Gates Ballroom MSC 2400**
- *Advising & Your Cultural Lens – Staff from the Department of Multicultural Services will talk about how you and your student’s cultural lens can affect the advising relationship – Angela Calise, Multicultural Services*
 - *Helping Students in Need – Student Counseling Services will provide a general overview of the available resources specifically for graduate students - Danielle Pompili, Student Counseling Services*
 - *My presentation will provide an overview of Ombuds services that are available for graduate students and graduate advisors - Dr. Linda Castillo, Ombuds*
- 10:10 am – 11:00 am **General Session: Student Profile: And Overview – Gates Ballroom MSC 2400**
- *EIS provides an overview of the new Student Profile highlighting graduate student information. Corresponding Compass forms will be covered. – Susan Leonberger and Andrea Reinertson, EIS*
- 11:00 am – 11:15 am **Break**
- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm **Breakout Session 1A: Registrar’s Office – MSC 2406 A**
- *The Registrar’s Office will provide a demonstration and answer questions regarding the online Add/Drop system – Melanie Monroe, Registrar*
- Breakout Session 1B: ELP – MSC 2406 B**
- *The Center for Teaching Excellence’s English Language Proficiency program (CTE-ELP) provides linguistic support to graduate students and faculty who are teaching in their second language. Attendees will become familiar with the many services CTE-ELP provides, and which groups get priority when space is limited. The particular requirements and resources for conditionally-appointed teaching assistants, as well as best practices in TA selection, will be shared. – Ginessa Payne, ELP*
 - *OGAPS will discuss the specific requirements and procedures needed for international graduate students whose native language is not English. Included in the discussion will be ELP verification versus ELP certification, minimum test score requirements, alternative verification and certification requirements as well as emergency certification procedures.*
- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Lunch and Resource Fair (Gates Ballroom, MSC 2400 A & B)**
- 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm **General Session: Wellness Works – Gates Ballroom MSC 2400**
- *Importance of Employee Wellness, Christina Bookout, Wellness Works, HROE*
- 2:10 pm – 2:50 pm **Breakout Session 2A: OGAPS Processing Team – MSC 2406 A**
- *A general overview and open discussion of OGAPS records processing procedures – OGAPS Processing Team*

Breakout Session 2B: Thesis and Dissertation Services – MSC 2406 B

- *Learn what it means to “clear” the office of Thesis and Dissertation Services and become familiar with their editorial process, including how to properly fill out and submit the supporting documentation (written approval forms, copyright forms, etc.)*

2:50 pm – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Breakout Session 3A: G.R.A.D. Aggies: Professional Development for Graduate and Professional Students – MSC 2406 A

- *Completing graduate school and preparing for a career can be a stressful endeavor, not only for the graduate and professional students in the middle of the process, but also for the graduate advisors and faculty who support them. The “Graduate Resources and Development for Aggies” professional development program has resources to assist your students on their path through their academic career and beyond. Come learn about these tools, including 1-hour sessions, online webinars, full-day workshops, and funding opportunities (e.g. OGAPS Research and Presentation Travel Award). – Dr. Morgan Schweller, OGAPS*

Breakout Session 3B: Recruiting and Student Success – 2406 B

- *There are many approaches to identifying, contacting, and encouraging promising scholars to attend Texas A&M University as a graduate and/or professional student. Additionally, once individuals become a part of the Aggie family, we must empower them to embrace a sense of lifelong learning through student-centered success initiatives and services. This workshop will serve as a platform for discussing recruiting strategies as well as ways to enhance student success toward degree completion among graduate and professional student populations at TAMU. – Tasmin McDonald and Dr. Latoya Morris, OGAPS.*

4:10 pm – 4:45 pm

General Session: Admissions and ISS – Gates Ballroom MSC 2400

- *International Student Services will provide information on current updates and processes and will be able to answer your questions regarding international students. – Amanda Brinlee, ISS*
- *Admissions will provide a general overview of the application process with a special focus on deadlines within ApplyTexas and the Graduate Review System (GRS). – Catherine Roueche-Herdman, Admissions*

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

General Session: Closing and OGAPS “Ask Us Anything” – Gates Ballroom MSC 2400