



NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION AGENDA

Friday, January 12th, 2024
8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. (CT)

Bethancourt Ballroom (MSC 2300 CDE)

8:00 – 8:40 A.M. Check-In & Light Breakfast

8:40 – 8:55 A.M. Orientation Overview & Announcements

8:55 – 9:15 A.M. Get to Know You

9:15 – 9:30 A.M. Welcome to Grad School | Dr. Fuhui Tong, Interim Associate Provost & Dean, Graduate & Professional School

9:30 – 10:10 A.M. Tips For Thriving in Grad School – A Graduate Deans Panel

Room locations are listed beside each session.

10:20 A.M. BREAKOUT SESSION I (40 MINS)

- Panels & discussion rooms

- **Financial Services & Resources Panel** – MSC 2300 CDE (Bethancourt Ballroom)
- **International Graduate Student Panel** – MSC 2406 A
- **Research & Academics Panel** – MSC 2406 B
- **What's At Your Core?** – MSC 2300 AB (Bethancourt Ballroom)

11:10 A.M. BREAKOUT SESSION II (40 MINS)

- Panels & discussion rooms

- **Financial Services & Resources Panel** – MSC 2300 CDE (Bethancourt Ballroom)
- **Graduate Mentoring Academy: The Mentor-Mentee Relationship** – MSC 2404
- **Health & Wellbeing Panel** – MSC 2406 A
- **Immigration Made Easy - International Student & Scholar Services** – MSC 2405
- **Research & Academics Panel** – MSC 2406 B
- **What's At Your Core?** – MSC 2300 AB (Bethancourt Ballroom)

- Resource rooms

- **Graduate Student Organizations resource room** – MSC 2500-2503
- **Professional Development & Student Success resource room** – MSC 2401
- **University Services & Student Life resource room** – MSC 2400 (Gates Ballroom)

12:00 P.M. BREAKOUT SESSION III (40 MINS)

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- **Veteran & military dependent student resources** – Meet outside MSC 2400 to walk to MSC 1506C

12:45 - 1:30 P.M. Lunch (Bethancourt Ballroom – MSC 2300 CDE)

(45 mins)

Bethancourt Ballroom (MSC 2300 CDE)

1:30 – 2:15 P.M. Tips For Thriving in Grad School – A Graduate & Professional Student Panel

2:15 – 2:30 P.M. Closing Remarks & Giveaways

2:30 – 3:00 P.M. Social (Optional)



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Breakout Session Descriptions (see agenda for times and locations):

Financial Services & Resources Panel – Join the Financial Services & Resources Panelists to learn more about scholarship, financial aid, award opportunities and processes, as well as rules and guidelines related to tuition and fees.

Graduate Mentoring Academy: The Mentor-Mentee Relationship – Join the Graduate Mentoring Academy to learn about the mentor-mentee relationship and the skills you can develop to make these relationships thrive.

Health & Wellbeing Panel – Join the Health & Wellbeing Panelists to learn about resources and services available to you to help you prioritize your health and wellbeing in graduate school.

Immigration Made Easy –Join International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) as they present an overview of immigration essentials so you can maintain your F-1 or J-1 status while pursuing your graduate education at Texas A&M. They will also share information about the resources, services, and upcoming events provided by ISSS.

International Graduate Student Panel – Join the International Graduate Student Panelists as they answer your questions about the international graduate & professional student experience, tips for success and what they wish they knew when they started.

Research & Academics Panel – The Research & Academics Panelists will share tips and resources for new graduate & professional students related to being successful in your graduate student career including your coursework, research (if applicable), handling conflicts, and making sure you stay on top of administrative requirements to progress in your degree.

What’s At Your Core? – Join us for a group discussion which will provide insight into how your core values align with others. The goal is to help you build upon those alignments as you begin your graduate education journey at Texas A&M.

RESOURCE ROOMS: Please visit the tables to learn about the many service units, facilities, institutes, and organizations that exist to support your success at Texas A&M. Resource Rooms are open between 11:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. (Breakout Sessions 2 &3). If you are unable to connect with staff at tables of interest to you, please use the links in the digital agenda below to learn more about their services.

University Resources & Student Life Rm 2400	Professional Development & Student Success Rm 2401	Research Facilities & Institutes Rm 2400	Graduate Student Organizations 2500 Wing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Rights & Equity Investigations (Title IX) • Disability Resources • Education Abroad • Emergency Management • Human Resources & Organizational Effectiveness (HROE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs for Aggies • International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) • RecSports • Residence Life • Student Activities • Student Conduct Office • Student Life • Texas A&M Information Technology • Traditions Council • Transportation Services • University Health Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health • Primary Care • University Police Department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Center • Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) • Center for Teaching Excellence-English Language Proficiency (CTE-ELP) • Grad & Professional School (Grad School) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Ombuds Officer • Center for Integrating Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL) • G.R.A.D. Aggies Professional Development Program • Graduate Mentoring Academy (GMA) • University Libraries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Facilities, Division of Research • Material Characterization Facility • Microscopy and Imaging Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy for Future Faculty (AFF) • Aggie Pregnant & Parenting Student Organization • Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) • Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) • Graduate Student Consulting Club • Indian Graduate Student Association • Intersivity Graduate & Faculty Ministries • Latinx Graduate Student Association • Queer Graduate & Professional Aggies • Women in Science & Engineering (WISE)

Veteran Resource & Support Center Tour (12:00 P.M. - 12:40 P.M.): The Veteran Resource & Support Center & Veteran Services Office (part of Aggie One Stop) will provide information about military educational benefits & numerous other resources available to all military-affiliated students. Texas A&M is dedicated to serving well those who have served. Join this tour to find out how to connect with other veterans and resources!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

University Resources & Student Life

[Aggie Honor System Office](#) / [Aggie One Stop](#) / [Instructional Media Services](#) / [Student Life](#) (Health Promotion, Off Campus Student Services, Student Assistance Services, Student Legal Services & Student Mediation Services) / [The 12th Can Pantry](#) / [The Association of Former Students](#)

Professional Development & Student Success

[University Writing Center \(UWC\)](#)

Research Facilities & Institutes

[AggieFab Nanofabrication Facility](#) / [High Performance Research Computing](#) / [Race & Ethnic Studies Institute \(RESI\)](#)

Graduate Student Organizations

[African Students Association](#) / [Aggie Toastmasters](#) / [International Student Association](#) / [Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science \(SACNAS\)](#) / [Student Veterans of America at Texas A&M](#)