Options for Families of BRDD Students to Participate in Orientations

**Sunday, August 25**

**Brown|RISD Dual Degree Welcome Night**

**9:00am – 2:00pm**

**Arrival and Move-in at 30 Waterman Street**
*RISD Residence Life, Second Floor, 30 Waterman Street*
First-year students move into RISD South Hall.
Receive your BRDD orientation packet!
*Students and families are welcome to join us for pizza at Residence Life at noon.*

**4:00pm – 5:30pm**

**Welcome and Information Session for Students and Families**
*RISD Fleet Library, 15 Westminster Street*
Co-Chairs of the Dual Degree Program, Deputy Dean of the College at Brown, Christopher Dennis, and Vice Provost and Faculty in History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences at RISD, Daniel Cavicchi, will welcome our newest cohort. Dean of Experimental and Foundation Studies at RISD, Joanne Stryker, will speak about what the Class of 2024 can expect in their studios this year. Assistant Director and Advisor of the Dual Degree Program, Michele Zager, will discuss advising and support structures in the BRDD Program. Brown|RISD Dual Degree Peer Advisors will share their experiences and answer questions.
*Attendance by incoming students required. Family welcome.*

**5:30pm – 7:00pm**

**Welcome Dinner**
*RISD Portfolio Café, 15 Westminster Street*
New students and their families, as well as Peer Advisors from the previous BRDD cohorts, administrators, and faculty members from both institutions will celebrate the launch of the new academic year.

**Break Outs:**

**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Class of 2024 Cohort Gathering**
*RISD Fleet Library, 15 Westminster Street*
Peer-to-peer introductions and Q&A. Introduction to “BRDD Advising Families.”
*Attendance by all first-year Dual Degree students required.*

**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

**Family Roundtable Discussion**
*RISD Portfolio Wood-Panel Lounge, 15 Westminster Street*
Join families with upper class Dual Degree students to discuss their experiences, ask questions, and learn more about what to expect from your student at different points of the year. Administrators from Brown’s Dean of the College, RISD’s Academic Affairs, and RISD Student Affairs will be available to answer questions about campus resources. Senior Peer Advisors will also be able to lend the student perspective.

**Monday, August 26**

*Students are in BRDD Pre-Orientation*
**Options for Navigating Our Individual Campus Orientations**
*There are different ways for family members to participate in orientation events this year. The options below are available to combine in any way that will fit best for your family.*

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| 1. **Attend family sessions that occur as part of various pre-orientations** | All BRDD Families are welcome to attend the following sessions scheduled on **Thursday, August 29th**, as part of IMP, noting that these sessions will be geared towards families with international students:  
  - Brown Campus Resource Fair  
  - Getting Started At Brown  
  - Being a Parent of a Brown Student and parent reception immediately following  
  BRDD Families with students participating in *Brown International Mentoring Program* (IMP) are welcome to attend the Family Sessions as part of IMP on **Tuesday, August 27th** through **Thursday, August 29th**.  
  BRDD Families with students participating in *Brown TWTP* are welcome to attend the Family Introduction to TWTP, faculty/staff panel, and welcome dinner on **Tuesday, August 27th**. | All BRDD Families are welcome to attend sessions scheduled as part of the Pre-Orientation parent/family sessions for international students on **Wednesday, August 28th and Thursday, August 29th**.  
Though these sessions will contain relevant information, they are geared towards families with international students. |
| 2. **Attend New Student Orientations** | BRDD Families are welcome to attend sessions that are part of the *New Student Orientation* schedule for parents/families on **Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, September 1st**  
* BRDD students participate in Brown New Student Orientation more fully in Year 2 and families are welcome to join in on family sessions next year instead/as well. | BRDD Families are welcome to attend sessions that are part of the New Student Orientation schedule for parents/families on **Sunday, September 1st and Monday, September 2nd**  
See Info for Parents and Guardians on [https://congratulations.risd.edu](https://congratulations.risd.edu) |
| 3. **Attend On-Line** | The Campus Life resource session for families, Guide to Resources at Brown, will be recorded and linked on the Campus Life website. | Many sessions for families held during New Student Orientation will be live-streamed. Families will receive links via e-mail to participate as the events approach. |

**Questions about orientation? Contact:**
- **Orientation@brown.edu**
- **orientation@risd.edu**
RISD Pre-Orientation Programming for Families

Though these sessions will contain relevant information, they are geared towards families with international students.

August 28

- **4:30 – 5 pm: Welcome and President’s Address**  
  *RISD Auditorium*  
  Join President Rosanne Somerson and other members of the RISD community, as you receive your first official welcome to the college.

- **5 – 6 pm: Wine and Cheese Reception**  
  *Moore Terrace*  
  Parents and families, please join us for a special reception with President Somerson. Beverages and light refreshments will be served.

August 29

- **10:30 am – 12 pm: Introduction to Student Affairs**  
  *20 Washington Place Auditorium*  
  This is an opportunity for parents/families to learn about resources that are available to support your student outside of the studio/classroom at RISD.

- **1 – 2 pm: RISD Museum Tour**  
  *Chace Center lobby (RISD Museum)*  
  Meet in the Chace Center Lobby for a tour of the RISD Museum.

- **2:30 – 4 pm: Introduction to Academic Affairs**  
  *20 Washington Place Auditorium*  
  This is an opportunity for parents/families to learn about our academic resources available to your student at RISD.

August 30

- **7:30 – 9 am: Breakfast with the President**  
  *President’s House*  
  President Somerson cordially invites you to a special breakfast.

- **10 am – 12 pm: Campus tour**  
  *Woods-Gerry*  
  Explore RISD’s urban campus with one of our student tour guides.

Information about Parent/Family Orientation on Sept. 1 and Sept. 2 can be found online at:  

[https://congratulations.risd.edu/next-steps/info-for-parents-and-guardians/](https://congratulations.risd.edu/next-steps/info-for-parents-and-guardians/)
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August 26-30

Campus Tours
Families are welcome on tours daily all week at 11:00 AM or 3:00 PM departing from Faunce Arch; please check-in at the Welcome and Information Center inside the Stephen Robert '62 Campus Center. (Stephen Robert '62 Campus Center, 75 Waterman Street)

August 29

Campus Resource Fair
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Meet a plethora of resources available on campus. Representatives from academic and campus life departments will be available to provide you with more detailed information on a wide array of resources and academic queries.
Main Green (Rain location: Alumnae Hall, 194 Meeting Street)

Getting Started At Brown: Informational Panel for Students and Parents
12:00 PM – 1:25 PM
Join us for our first and very important panel conversation. The Dean of the College will explain and discuss campus life and academics, followed by a Q&A session with students in diverse academic disciplines at Brown.
Salomon DECI Auditorium, Main Green

Being a Parent of a Brown Student
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Several Brown administrators will lead a discussion of how parents and families can best support the success of a Brown student.
Salomon DECI Auditorium, Main Green

Brown Orientation events open to parents and families on Sat. Aug 31 and Sun. Sept 1 are indicated in the 2019 Undergraduate Orientation Schedule:
https://www.brown.edu/academics/college/orientation/

* BRDD students prioritize RISD Orientation in Year 1 and participate in Brown New Student Orientation more fully in Year 2. Families are welcome to join in on family sessions next year instead/as well.

Financial Aid
Stacey Vanasse, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Brown, and Financial Aid contact for all BRDD students, is the best contact person for Financial Aid related questions. Stacey is happy to set up appointments to talk on the phone. The best way to contact Stacey is directly via e-mail: stacey_vanasse@brown.edu.