Orientation 2016

Welcome to Brown!
Welcome, Master’s Candidates!

Orientation 2016: Thriving at Brown

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Deans’ Briefing for Master’s Students

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Your Cohort

- 454 first-year master’s students
- Selected from 3,965 applicants

CONGRATULATIONS!

- In total: 793 students enrolled in master’s programs
60% of incoming graduate students enroll in one of 31 master’s programs.
International Profile: Master’s Cohort

49 countries (excluding U.S.)
136 international students
318 domestic students

Countries with the most graduate students (after U.S.)
- People's Republic of China
- India
- Republic of Korea
- Canada
- Italy
- Japan
- Germany
- Iran
- Pakistan
- Russia
Brown’s 253rd Opening Convocation
Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Students should report at 3:30 pm to College Street (just outside the gates)
Brown’s Mission is to...

... serve the community, the nation, and the world by discovering, communicating, and preserving knowledge and understanding in a spirit of free inquiry, and by educating and preparing students to discharge the offices of life with usefulness and reputation...
Academic Code

• The Codes express fundamental values of the institution

• Academic Code
  • Cite your sources
  • Collaborate – but ask how
  • Understand the policies for each course

• Research regulations on:
  • Studying people, animals or things
  • Environmental health and safety, hazardous materials
  • Dishonesty or misconduct
  • Patent and invention
Code of Student Conduct

- Respect for the Freedoms and Privileges of Others
- Prohibits
  - Actions that result in physical harm
  - Sexual misconduct
  - Harassment on the basis of difference
  - Abuse of drugs or alcohol
- Possession and use of firearms, gunpowder, ammunition, explosives, …, are not allowed on campus
- Note: Ignorance is not an excuse!
  Complete the tutorials and review the Codes!
The Nuts and Bolts of Brown

Basics for a successful first semester
Every program has a structure that dictates the number of classes students are required to take each semester.

- History: Fall = 4 classes, Spring = 4 classes
- Computer Science: 2 classes each semester for four semesters

Follow the structure!

When in doubt, talk to your Director of Graduate Studies or your program administrator!

→ Deviating from the program structure can cost you additional tuition, cause problems with your visa, or prevent you from graduating.
  - Adding or dropping a course
  - Changing the grading option from credit to audit
Finding essential information

Gateway for Graduate Students

For quick access to:

- “Who to Ask” list
- Policies
- Dates and Deadlines
- Resources
- Forms
- Commencement information
Staying Current

- Program handbook
- Graduate School emails
- Morning Mail
- Twitter
  - @BrownGradSchool
  - #brownmasters
- Facebook
Student Support

• **Maria Suarez, Associate Dean for Student Support**
  Graduate School / Horace Mann 108
  • Personal or family emergencies
  • Medical and psychological concerns, leaves, referrals
  • Academic difficulty, stress, illness, concerned about a peer

• **Student Support Services**
  Graduate Center, 4th floor (Charlesfield & Thayer)
  • Personal or family emergencies
  • 24/7/365 administrator on-call coverage
  • Medical and psychological concerns, leaves, referrals

• **Student and Employee Accessibility Services (SEAS)**
  20 Benevolent St., 1st floor
  • Assists with physical, psychological, and learning disabilities
  • Shuttle service for students who have physical disabilities and who are injured
  • **Open until 6pm during the week and 12-4pm on Saturday, just for grad students**
Other Resources for Support

• Health Services, Bwell Health Promotion, and SHARE (Sexual Harassment & Assault Resources & Education) Advocates: 13 Brown Street

• Counseling and Psychological Services: J Walter Wilson

• Office of the Chaplains: J Walter Wilson

• Ombudsperson: Hillel, 3rd floor
Key People in Your Department

- Department chair
- Director of Graduate Studies
- Department administrator
- Your fellow students
# Graduate Student Council: Your Voice

## Officers

**President:** Aislinn Rowan  

**Master’s Advocate:** Leah Burgin  

**International Advocate:** Kavosh Asadi  

**VP, Advocacy:** Anni Pullagura  

**VP, Communications:** Joshua Cusano  

**VPs, Social:** Lauren Watts, Adrien Stoloff  

**Nominations:** Alastair Tulloch  

**Treasurer:** Benjamin Fancy  

**Technology:** Kevin Cannon

## Role of the GSC

- Represent Grad Students  
- Organize Events and Classes  
- Support Student Initiatives  
- Maintain Grad Student-Only Spaces  
- Operate Community Listservs
GSC Representatives

• Dynamic departmental representatives are always needed!
  • Vote at GSC meetings
  • Ensure flow of information to program peers and back to GSC

• Interested?
  • Stop by the GSC table at the Resource Fair or email the President at gsc_president@brown.edu
  • Meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of every month
  • 7pm in the Grad Center Lounge (Charlesfield & Thayer)
GSC Orientation Session & Events

- Peer-Led Discussion Groups
  - After lunch and walking tours, at 2:30 pm
  - Meet in Salomon 101
  - Break into smaller groups
  - Ask your questions about Brown and life in Providence

SOCIAL TONIGHT AT 8 PM:
Trattoria Del Mare
145 Spruce St.
Brown Executive Scholars Training

- BEST program provides 12 weeks of training
- Insight into higher ed career options
- 8-10 students per year
- Mentoring by Brown administrators
- Application deadline: **Nov. 4, 2016**
Conference Travel Funds

- Master’s Students are eligible to apply
- Must present original work at conference
- Up to $650 per year
- Details on Graduate School website
Sampling of Resources

University Library
Brown Center for Students of Color
Sarah Doyle Women’s Center
Counseling and Psychological Services
Writing Center
Office of Student Life
Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life
LGBTQ Resource Center
Swearer Center
Computing and Information Services
Athletics and Physical Education
CareerLAB

- Supports professional development of master’s candidates
- Complements faculty advising

Services include:
- Confidential counseling
- Resume and CV critiques
- Skills assessment
- Job search programs
- Workshops
- How to negotiate compensation

SAVE THE DATE: NOV. 12 GradCON networking event
Connect with Brown Alumni

- BrownConnect
  - Online career networking program for alumni and students
  - Seek advice
  - Find career contacts

- Sign up for BRUnet

- Find affinity groups

- Join Brown’s LinkedIn groups
  - Life/Physical Sciences: grad students & alumni
  - Humanities/Social Sciences: grad students & alumni
Presenting Yourself Online

Visit the PhotoBooth Today!

• Get a professional-grade headshot for LinkedIn
  • Sayles Hall stage: 10:30 am to 2:30 pm
  • Images sent directly to your Brown email

Center for Digital Scholarship

• Managing your online identity
  • Workshops I and II: September 14 and 28, both at 11 am at the Rockefeller Library
  • Register: Library Calendar
Walking Tours: Navigating Brown and Its History

Get to know the campus area while also learning about the University's historical relationship to slavery and the transatlantic slave trade

Departures at 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm

Meeting point: Salomon 101, Main Green
Resource Fair in Sayles Hall

One Stop:
A Multitude
Of Services,
Opportunities
Orientation Schedule

11:00 am – Title IX: Rights & Resources at Brown in Salomon 101
12:00 pm – Campus Resource Fair in Sayles Hall
2:30 pm – Peer-Led Discussions on Graduate Student Life in Salomon 101