Orientation 2016

Welcome to Brown!

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Welcome, Doctoral Students!

Orientation 2016: Thriving at Brown

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President of Brown University
Professor of Economics & Public Policy
Dean’s Briefing for Doctoral Students

Orientation Packets
Brown’s 253nd Opening Convocation
Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Students should report at 3:30 pm to College Street
(just outside the gates)
Getting to Know Us...

- Thomas Lewis, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs
- Professor of Religious Studies

- Beth Harrington, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, BioMed

- Vanessa Ryan, Associate Dean, Student Development

Want to meet? See website for open office hours or email.
Getting to Know Us…

- Shayna Kessel, Associate Dean, Master’s Education
- Marlina Duncan, Associate Dean, Diversity Initiatives
- Maria Suarez, Associate Dean, Student Support
Getting to Know Us…

- Beverly Larson, Director of Communications
- Bev Ehrich, Graduate Student Program Coordinator at CareerLAB
- Peter Baron, Assistant Director of Financial Aid
The Graduate School at Horace Mann

47 George St.
Your Cohort

- 762 incoming doctoral and master’s students selected from 10,140 applicants
- 13 non-degree students

CONGRATULATIONS!
Doctoral Population

- 51 programs
- 1,494 PhD students overall
- 308 new PhD Students; by area:
  - Humanities, 61
  - Life Sciences, 80
  - Physical Sciences, 120
  - Social Sciences, 47
International Profile: PhD cohort

- 49 countries (excluding U.S.)
- 125 international students
- 183 domestic students

Countries with the most students (after the U.S.):
- People's Republic of China
- India
- Republic of Korea
- Canada
- Italy
- Japan
- Germany
- Iran
- Pakistan
- Brazil
Doctoral Students

You are central to the mission and reputation of the University
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…
…We do this through a partnership of students and teachers in a unified community known as a university-college.
Living in a Community
Know the Rules

- Academic and Student Conduct Codes
- Graduate School Handbook
- Faculty Rules
Academic and Student Conduct Codes

Regulations for meeting your academic requirements responsibly

- To avoid the risk of plagiarism and falsification/augmentation:
  - Cite your sources
  - Collaborate – but ask how
  - Pay attention to copyright regulations

- Research regulations on:
  - Studying people, animals or things
  - Environmental health and safety, hazardous materials
  - Dishonesty or misconduct
  - Patent and invention
Academic and Student Conduct Codes

- Do not engage in:
  - Disruptive behavior
  - Actions that result in physical harm
  - Sexual misconduct
  - Harassment on the basis of difference
  - Abuse of drugs or alcohol
  - Actions that fail to comply with the directive of a University official

- Possession and use of firearms, gunpowder, ammunition, explosives, ..., are not allowed on campus

- Note: Ignorance is not an excuse!
Ethics: More Than ‘You Shall Not’

- Researchers have obligations to:
  - Themselves
  - Research subjects (animals or humans)
  - Other researchers
  - The institution where research is taking place
  - The community in which the research is being done
  - Funders of research
  - Society as a whole

- Honesty and integrity will affect your work’s impact
  - Clarity of your research: data quality, record keeping
  - Reporting, crediting, and publishing
Ethics: Training Opportunities

- Federal Responsible Conduct of Research Training Requirement
- Appropriate online (CITI) training
- Departmental Workshops
- Academy in Context dinner-seminars
- Ask questions. Talk with peers and mentors

*Brown University is a member of Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative, which offers ethics training.*
‘Nuts and Bolts’

The stages, funding and professional development of doctoral students at Brown
Your Program: What’s Ahead

- Three-year residency requirement: on-campus study, normally taking courses (24 credits/units)
- Advancement to candidacy: completing all program requirements except the dissertation. These include:
  - Courses
  - Language proficiency (some departments)
  - One or more written or oral exams (“prelims”)
  - Teaching Assistantships
- Submission of dissertation
PhD Student Development

- Professional academic training
  - Producer vs. learner of knowledge
  - Self-directed
- Being mentored and mentoring
- Teaching training
- Developing transferable skills
  - Writing and presentation skills
  - Teamwork
  - Applying knowledge
PhD Student Funding

- **“Five-Year Guarantee”**
  - 5 years - *normally consecutive* – plus 4 summers of support
  - Any source: TA, RA, internal Fellowship or external Fellowship
  - See letter of admission
  - Requirements:
    - Maintain “good academic standing”
    - Have an advisor who mentors you, and supervises and supports your research

- **External Fellowships**
  - Sign of distinction
  - Graduate School incentive
PhD Funding (continued)

- Beyond Year 5 in Social Sciences and Humanities
  - If Graduate School supported: Up to 1 extra year of stipend support might be possible
  - For those who don’t have a research assistantship: Need to apply for funding as a rising sixth year student through the Dissertation Completion Proposal (DCP) process
  - After that: tuition support (Dissertation Extension Proposal, DEP)
- Plan your studies: keep time to completion in mind!
Stipend Overview

- Paid Monthly
- Your Program Initiates the Appointment
- Graduate School Processes Payment via Workday

What You Should Do:
- Set up bank account
- Complete I-9 Form at Human Resources
- Get W-4 form on Controller’s website; complete and submit it to Payroll Office
- Set up direct deposit and federal withholding through Workday
- International students: check in with OISSS on social security and tax treaty matters
You Can Apply for...

- **Conference Travel Funds**
  - Up to $650 for conference presenters

- **Research Travel Funds (non-BioMed only):**
  - Graduate Research Travel Grant (during academic year)
  - Joukowsky Summer Research Award (for research travel, language programs and summer workshops, etc.)

- **International Travel Funds**
  - Up to $1,000 for conference presenters or for research studies abroad
  - Register with **SOS**!
Where to Find Essential Information
Graduate School Handbook

Policies & Procedures

Program information (links to handbooks)

Forms

Important Dates & Deadlines

News & information

Social Media

Contacts
Finding Information

Gateway for Graduate Students

For quick access to:

“Who to Ask” list

Resources: Where to Start?

Policies

Handbook

Dates and Deadlines

Forms

Commencement information
Every graduate program is required to have one
- Clear outline of milestones (degree requirements)
- Deadlines for completion of requirements
- Evaluation procedures
  - Students receive an annual letter of evaluation from their programs (for each semester for first-years)
Staying Current

- **Graduate School emails**
  - Targeted or general
  - Infrequent – read them

- **Morning Mail**
  - Centralized email system used across Brown

- **Twitter**
  - Follow @BrownGradSchool
  - #fellowship for grant news and announcements

- **Facebook**
  - Highlights events and YOUR accomplishments

- Coming soon: E-Newsletter
Resources

Staying in touch:
Feel free to meet with a Dean. See the website for open office hours or make an appointment.

We serve all graduate students.
Sampling of Resources

- University Library (physical & virtual)
- University Health Services
- Brown Center for Students of Color
- Sarah Doyle Women’s Center
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Office of Student Life
- Chaplains and Religious Life Office
- LGBTQ Resource Center
- John Nicholas Brown Center
- Computing and Information Services
- Athletics and Physical Education
Student Support Services

- **Graduate School:**
  Associate Dean of Student Support Maria Suarez

- **Office of Student Life: Student Support Services**
  - Personal or family emergencies
  - 24/7/365 administrator on-call coverage
    - Business hours: (401) 863-3145
    - Evenings and weekends: (401) 863-3322
    - If unsure and it’s urgent, call DPS at (401) 863-4111
  - Medical and psychological concerns, leaves, referrals

- **Student and Employee Accessibility Services (SEAS)**
  - Assists with physical, psychological, and learning disabilities

- **Student Conduct**
  - Assuring the opportunity to work and live in a safe, respectful community
Student Life: People

Timothy R. Shiner
Interim Associate Dean and Director of Student Support Services

Cynthia Ellis
Associate Dean

Mary Greineder
Assistant Dean

Andres Fernandez
Interim Assistant Dean
Other Resources for Support

- Health Services, Bwell Health Promotion, and SHARE Advocates:
  13 Brown Street

- Counseling and Psychological Services:
  J Walter Wilson

- Office of the Chaplains:
  J Walter Wilson
Ombuds Office

When you need an ear….

- Independent Office
- Neutral and informal resource
- Serves graduate students, faculty, postdocs, and staff
  - Explore informal resolution of a conflict
  - Get assistance with a difficult conversation
  - Think through any issue arising from your life at Brown

Ruthy Kohorn Rosenberg, Ombudsperson
Ombuds@brown.edu
Key People in Your Department

Some are assigned, some are chosen...
the people may change or go on leave,
but the roles continue
Key People in Your Department

- Director of Graduate Study
- Research Advisor/Mentor
- Department Chair
- Program Coordinator
Graduate Student Council
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.
GSC structure

GSC Officers and Internal Committees

interact with

University and Graduate School Admins

elect

Programs Representatives

GSC Reps on External Committees
URC, GC, BUCC,...

elect

work with

Graduate Students (by program)

appoint
Graduate Student Council: Your Voice

Officers

- President: Aislinn Rowan
- VP, Advocacy: Anni Pullagura
- VP, Communications: Joshua Cusano
- Treasurer: Benjamin Fancy
- VPs, Social: Lauren Watts; Adrien Stoloff
- International Advocate: Kavosh Asadi

Role of the GSC

- Represent Grad Students
- Organize Events and Classes
- Support Student Initiatives
- Maintain Grad Student-Only Spaces
- Slack and Listservs
GSC Delegates

- University Resources Committee (URC; 2 delegates)
- Graduate Council (GC; 4 delegates)
- Brown University Community Council (BUCC; 3 delegates)
Opportunities

Special Programs and
University Services
1. Explore higher education career options
2. Define your own academic journey with a master’s degree of your choosing
3. Engage in scholarly life at a participating Center or Institute
4. Pursue international research through Brown grants
5. Gain advanced teaching experience at one of two programs at partner colleges
6. Become a visiting assistant professor at Brown after completion
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
Open Graduate Education

- Combines advanced disciplinary training with the spirit of Brown’s Open Curriculum
  - Pursue a separate master’s degree
  - Gain advantage in job market
  - Potential to catalyze interdisciplinary research

- Further information: See brochure in your packet and attend information session

- Application deadline in February
Advanced Student Development

- **Brown/Wheaton Faculty Fellowships**
  - Independent teaching of one course at Wheaton College
  - 4 Fellows per year

- **Deans’ Faculty Fellowships**
  - Fall fellowship semester in 6th year
  - Completion by January 15 in 6th year yields
  - Spring appointment as Visiting Assistant Professor
  - Up to 10 6th-year PhD students/year

- **Interdisciplinary Opportunities (Humanities & Social Sciences)**
  - Professional development at Center or Institute
  - One additional year of support
Effective Performance

- Workshops on how to be effective communicators for research and teaching
  - Explore theater techniques and improvisation
  - Discover the story behind your scholarship
  - Enhance comfort and confidence as speaker

- Modeled on programming by actor Alan Alda
Professional Development

Additional services and opportunities
Applying for External Grants

- Part of Professional Development
  - Clarify thinking and impact
  - Enhance communication skills
  - Receive feedback

- Wide range, including:
  - Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays
  - NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
  - Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

- Graduate School Incentive Policy
Sheridan Center

- Pedagogical and Learning Support
  - Confidential Consultations on Teaching and Learning
  - Topics include:
    - Course and Syllabus Design
    - Feedback and Grading
    - Inclusive Teaching
  - Resource Library

- Programming Highlights
  - New Teaching Assistant Orientation
  - Teaching Certificate Programs
  - Mentorship Program for Graduate Students
Writing Center

- Individual and group writing support
  - For experienced and inexperienced writers
  - Clarity and style
- Staffed by graduate students

- Help with all stages of writing process:
  - Writer’s block
  - Audience awareness
  - Argumentation
  - Organization
  - Grammar
  - Research skills
English Language Learning

- Support and programs for students whose first language is not English

- Proactive assistance:
  - Reading
  - Oral communication
  - Cultural style

- Language Partners Program
CareerLAB

- Supports professional development
  - Academic positions
  - Non-academic options
- Complements faculty advising
- Services include:
  - Confidential counseling
  - Resume and CV critiques
  - Skills assessment
  - Job search programs
  - How to negotiate compensation
- Hosts GradCON networking event
  - Save the date: Nov. 12
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

Workshops:

- Managing your online identity
- Building your own website

Register at:

Connect with Brown Alumni

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

- Plug into affinity groups

- Join Brown’s LinkedIn groups
  - Life/Physical Sciences: grad students & alumni
  - Humanities/Social Sciences: grad students & alumni
Want These Slides?

GO TO THE ORIENTATION WEBPAGE ON THE GRADUATE SCHOOL SITE
Orientation Schedule

10:15 am – Title IX Session here
10:45 am – Resource Fair in Sayles Hall
Noon – Lunch on Simmons Quad
1:00, 1:30, 2 pm – Walking Tours (meet here)
2:30 pm – GSC Discussion Groups (meet here)