Orientation 2019
Welcome to Brown!
Getting to Know Us…

- Thomas A. Lewis, Co-Deputy Dean, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, Professor of Religious Studies
- Beth Harrington, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, BioMed
- Vanessa Ryan, Co-Deputy Dean, 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 & Interim Associate Dean for International Graduate Students
- Maria Suarez, Associate Dean, Student Support
- Marlina Duncan, Associate Dean, Diversity Initiatives & Assistant Vice President for Academic Diversity
- Ethan Bernstein, Director of Administration and Operations
Getting to Know Us…

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

47 George St.
Your Cohort

- 460 first-year master’s students
- Selected from 5,734 applicants

CONGRATULATIONS!

- In total: More than 800 students enrolled in master’s programs

47 Humanities
156 Life Sciences
149 Physical Sciences
108 Social Sciences
58% of incoming graduate students are master’s students who enroll in one of 29 master’s programs.
Welcome, International Master’s Students!

32 countries
39% international students
61% domestic students

Countries with the most master’s students (after U.S.)
- People's Republic of China
- India
- Korea
- Philippines
- Canada
- Pakistan
CONVOCATION

Brown’s 256th Opening Convocation
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Students should report at 3:30 pm to Prospect
(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...
Thriving in 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.*
The Nuts and Bolts of Brown

Basics for a successful first semester
Key People in Your Department

- Department chair
- Director of Graduate Study
- Department administrator
- Your fellow students
OGPS is home to five biology departments and 14 clinical departments, and is affiliated with eight diverse teaching hospitals in and around Providence.

- Help and Support: Dean Harrington and Staff
- Funding Opportunities
- Resources for Students writing Fellowship Applications
- Policies and IDP requirement
- Upcoming Events Page
- Sign up to read the Weekly Update on Fridays
Program Handbook

- 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
Program Structure

- Every program has a structure that dictates the number of classes students are required to take each semester.
  - American Studies: 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 Study and your program’s 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

- **Graduate School emails**
  - Targeted and infrequent – read them

- **Today@Brown**
  - Centralized email system used across Brown
  - READ IT! Or miss events, programming and free food!

- **Monthly E-Newsletter**

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

- **Facebook at Brown Graduate School**
  - Highlights events and YOUR accomplishments
Resources and Support

Your toolbox beyond the classroom (or lab!)
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**
Saturday Hours for Grad Students only at University Health

Shopping Period Walk-In Services
No appointment needed in first 2 weeks of semester

Urgent Care Clinician available for walk-ins

Multi-lingual (counseling in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Arabic)

Student Care Coordinator assists in outside referrals
Other Resources for Support

- **Health Services**
  - Medical Care
  - BWell Health Promotion
  - SHARE Advocates (Sexual Harassment & Assault Resources & Education)
  - CAPS
    13 Brown Street

- **Ombuds Office**
  *Ruthy Kohorn Rosenberg*
  *Ombuds@brown.edu*
  *Hillel (3rd Floor)*

- **Office of the Chaplains**
  *J Walter Wilson (4th Floor)*
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
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
- Computing and Information Services
- Athletics and Physical Education
- Student and Employee Accessibility Services (SEAS)
Graduate Student Council: Your Voice

**Officers**

**President:** Alastair Tulloch  
**Master’s Advocate:** Sophie Don  
**International Advocate:** Sophie Brunau-Zaragoza  
**VP, Advocacy:** D’Ondre Swails  
**VP, Communications:** Kaitlin Wilcox  
**VPs, Social:** Jeremy “JJ” Lomax  
**Nominations:** Rebecca Thorsness  
**Treasurer:** Kathryn Thompson  
**Technology:** Alex Parker-Guerrero

**Role of the GSC**

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

**GSC Panel Today:**  
Here at 2 pm
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)

SOCIAL SATURDAY AT 8 PM: Whiskey Republic, 15 Bridge Street
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
Connect with Brown Alumni

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

- Sign up for Brunonia

- Find affinity groups
Brown Executive Scholars Training

- BEST program provides 12 weeks of training
- Insight into higher education career options
- 8-10 students per year
- Mentoring by Brown administrators
- Application deadline: Nov. 11, 2019
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
- Apply through UFunds
Orientation Schedule

11:00 am – Campus Resource Fair in Sayles Hall
12:00 pm – Lunch!
2:00 pm – GSC Panel
1:05, 3 & 3:55 pm: Sessions on Advising, Distinctive Opportunities, Wellness & the Codes Course
Tours!

Traditional Campus Walk
Includes information on the Greens, libraries, gym & other facilities on campus.

Departures at 4:15 pm and 4:45 pm
Meeting point: In front of Sayles Hall, Main Green
Welcome to Rene Davis, Title IX Program Officer

Policies and resources dedicated to creating and maintaining a healthy and gender-inclusive campus community.