Orientation 2015

Welcome to Brown!

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Dean of the Graduate School
Please Silence Your Phone

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Welcome, Master’s Candidates!

Orientation 2015: Thriving at Brown

Richard Locke
Brown University Provost
Dean’s Briefing for Master’s Students
Brown’s 252nd Opening Convocation
Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Students should report at 3:30 pm to College Street (just outside the gates)
Graduate School: Core Functions

- Recruiting
- Admission
- New Student Orientation
- Academic Affairs
- Student Appointments
- Student Support
- Student Life
- Professional Development
- Commencement

Horace Mann Building
47 George St.
Getting to Know Us...

- John Tyler, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs
- Vanessa Ryan, Associate Dean, Student Development

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

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

- Brian Walton, Associate Dean, Administration

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Getting to Know Us...

- Beverly Larson, Director of Communications
- Bev Ehrich, Graduate Student Program Coordinator at CareerLAB
- Beth Murphy, Assistant Director of Financial Aid
Your Cohort

- 485 first-year students
- Selected from 3,776 applicants

CONGRATULATIONS!

- In total: 837 students enrolled in master’s programs
From 36 nations (including U.S.)
International: 36%
Your Degree Programs

28 programs, from
Literary Arts to Urban Education

AM = Master of Arts
EM = Executive Masters
EMBA = Executive Master of Business Administration
MAT = Master of Art in Teaching
MFA = Master of Fine Arts
MPA = Master of Public Affairs
MPH = Master of Public Health
PRIME = Program in Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship
ScM = Master of Science

SCM 37%
SCMIME 6%
AM 14%
EM 6%
EMBA 6%
MAT 8%
MFA 8%
MPA 6%
MPH 9%
How to meet expectations
Every program has a standard structure

The course load per semester varies by program

- Example 1: History
  - AM: 4-4

- Example 2: Biostatistics
  - AM: 3-2-2-1
  - ScM: 3-2-2-2

Follow the structure!
Structure: What’s At Stake

- Deviation could affect completion and tuition cost
- Visa implications for international students
- Examples of deviations
  - Adding a course
  - Dropping a course
  - Changing a course for credit to audit
- Seek DGS and Graduate School approval
Master’s Student Development

- Professional Training
  - Becoming an expert
  - Structured training, yet more self-directed than college
  - Assessing information and trends in your fields and creating original works
  - Training in ethical and responsible conduct of research required if supported by NSF grant; see Responsible Conduct of Research page

- Preparation for more education
Master’s Students

Add to the vitality of the community and the University’s reputation
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.
Academic and Student Conduct Codes

Regulations for performing your academic requirements responsibly

➢ To avoid the risk of plagiarism:
   □ 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!
Training Opportunities

- Understand what constitutes plagiarism
  - Ask questions
  - Talk with mentors and peers

- NSF Responsible Conduct of Research Training Requirement

- Online training at [www.citiprogram.org](http://www.citiprogram.org)*

- Departmental Workshops

- *Academy in Context* dinner-seminars

*Brown University is a member of [Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative](http://www.citiprogram.org), which offers ethics training.*
Essential Information
Graduate School Handbook
Policies & Procedures
Program information (links to handbooks)
Dates & Deadlines
Forms
News & Information
Social Media
Finding 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 or general
  - Infrequent – read them

- Morning Mail
  - Centralized email system used across Brown

- Twitter
  - Follow @BrownGradSchool
  - #brownmasters

- Facebook
  - Highlights events and your accomplishments
Program Handbook

- Every 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
  - First-year students receive one each semester
Resources

Help when needed
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

Maria Suarez, Associate Dean and Director of Student Support Services

Cynthia Ellis, Associate Dean

Mary Greineder, Assistant Dean

Ashley M. Ferranti, Assistant Dean

Grad Center E
Suite 403
42 Charlesfield Street
Other Resources for Support

- Health Services:
  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
  - Explore informal resolution of a conflict
  - Get assistance with a difficult conversation
  - Think through any issue arising from your life at Brown
- Contact ombuds@brown.edu or call 401.863.6145

Ruthy Kohorn Rosenberg, Ombudsperson
Resource Fair in Sayles Hall

One Stop: A Multitude Of Services, Opportunities
Some are assigned, some are chosen…
the people may change or go on leave,
but the roles continue
Director of Graduate Study (DGS)

- A faculty member of your department
- Responsible for all interactions between your program and the Graduate School
  - Status
  - Academic progress
  - Written evaluations:
    - twice a year for first-year students
    - annually thereafter
Department Chair

- Leader in setting departmental priorities and policies
- Mediator for issues within your program
  - Any concerns
  - Committee disputes
  - Grievances
Graduate Student Council
# Graduate Student Council: Your Voice

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<th>Role of the GSC</th>
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<td>President: Joel Simundich</td>
<td>Represent Grad Students</td>
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<td><strong>Master’s Advocate:</strong> Wesley Bemus</td>
<td>Organize Events and Classes</td>
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<td><strong>International Advocate:</strong> Benjamin Fancy</td>
<td>Support Student Initiatives</td>
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<td>VP, Advocacy: Ali Mathwig</td>
<td>Maintain Grad Student-Only Spaces</td>
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<td>VP, Communications: Anni Pullagura</td>
<td>Operate Community Listservs</td>
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<td>Treasurer: James Budarz</td>
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<td>VPs, Social: Lauren Watts and Maria Boccardi</td>
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GSC Representatives

- Departmental representatives are needed.

- Role:
  - Vote at GSC meetings
  - Ensure flow of information to program peers

- Interested?
  - Stop by the GSC table at the Resource Fair or email the President at gsc_president@brown.edu
  - Attend the monthly meeting: first Wednesday of every month at 7pm in the Grad Lounge
GSC Delegates

- University Resources Committee (URC; 2 delegates)
- Graduate Council (GC; 4 delegates)
- Brown University Community Council (BUCC; 3 delegates)
GSC Orientation Session & Events

- Peer-Led Discussion Groups
  - At 4:00 pm
  - Meet here in Salomon 101
  - Break into smaller groups
  - Ask your questions about Brown and life in Providence

SOCIAL TONIGHT AT 9 PM:
Hanley's Ale House
52 Pine St.
Opportunities and Resources

Special Programs and
University Services
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. 13
Financial Aid

- Varies by master’s program
- Funding decisions administered by department or program
- Check eligibility for federal direct student loans and other loans
- Get Your Bearings: Financial literacy workshops conducted by Beth Murphy
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
University Health Services
Brown Center for Students of Color
Sarah Doyle Women’s Center
Counseling and Psychological Services
Office of Student Life
Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life
LGBTQ Resource Center
John Nicholas Brown Center
Computing and Information Services
Athletics and Physical Education
Writing Center

- Staffed by graduate students
- Offers one-on-one conferences
- For experienced and inexperienced writers
- Clarity and style
- Help with all stages of writing process:
  - Writer’s block
  - Audience awareness
  - Argumentation
  - Organization
  - Grammar
  - Research skills
  - English as a second language
Swearer Center

- Explore the Providence community and engagement
  - September 12 and 19: [Walking Tours of Providence](#) – Advance registration required
  - September 17, 7-9 pm: [Community Service Opportunities Fair](#)

- TRI-Lab: students, faculty and community practitioners engage with a complex social issue and develop, refine and test solutions

- Jobs email list: RICommunityJobs.org for local non-profit and community positions
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
Brown Alumni Association

- **Sign up for BRUnet NOW!**
  - Online career networking program for alumni and students
  - More than 5,300 alumni members
  - Arrange informational interviews
  - Find career contacts

- **Plug into affinity groups**

- **Join Brown’s LinkedIn groups and network with alumni**
  - Life/Physical Sciences: grad students & alumni
  - Humanities/Social Sciences: grad students & alumni
Visit the PhotoBooth Today!

Get a professional-grade headshot for LinkedIn

Salomon Lobby until 3:30 pm

Images sent directly to your Brown email

Center for Digital Scholarship

Workshops:
- Managing your online identity
- Building your own website

Orientation Schedule

1:50 pm – Campus Resource Fair in Sayles Hall
2:50 pm – Title IX: Rights & Resources at Brown in Salomon 101
4:00 pm – Peer-Led Discussions on Graduate Student Life in Salomon 101