Reminders

- Verify your personal information in Student Self-Service
- Set up and check your Exchange Email Account (NetID@Illinois.edu)
- Take your transcripts to the Graduate Admissions Office
- If you have a fellowship, turn in your notice of appointment to the Graduate College Fellowship Office.
- Register for courses by deadlines

See details at www.grad.illinois.edu/quick-guide

What We Do

**ACADEMIC SERVICES**
- Graduate Admissions, Records & Registration, Petitions, Thesis Deposit

**POLICIES & PROGRAMS**
- Academic Policies, Degree Requirements, New Programs

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**
- Fellowship Appointments, Grad College & External Fellowships, Proposal Writing

**STUDENT SUCCESS**
- Professional & Career Development, Problem Solving, Diversity & Inclusion

**COMMUNICATIONS**
- GradLinks, Website, Social Media, Blog, Student/Alumni Stories
3 Cross-cutting Areas

DIVERSITY

STUDENT
WELLNESS

ASSESSMENT
OF
DOCTORAL
PROGRAMS

Who We Serve

11,613
Graduate Students enrolled in degree programs
(Fall 16, excludes Law JD, Vet Med DVM, and CITL-non degree)

156
Master’s degree programs

560
Postdoctoral Scholars

91
Doctoral degree programs

2,500+
Graduate Faculty

26
Fully online graduate degree programs

400+
EOs, DGSs, and grad program contacts
Grad School 101: Assistantships & Campus Employment

Most assistantship offers are made through your home department. Check with your department first.

Other resources for assistantships and hourly employment

- Assistantship Clearinghouse
- Handshake
- Virtual Job Board
- Research Park Job Board

Details and links posted at www.grad.illinois.edu/job-boards
Graduate Assistant Employee Orientation

- For teaching, research, pre-professional, and graduate assistants
- Information about appointments and benefits
- Co-sponsored by Academic Human Resources and the Graduate College

Offered twice:

September 7
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Illini Union – Room 404

or

September 14
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Illini Union – Room 314A

Grad School 101: Your Academic Record

REGISTRATION SERVICES: Assistance with registration, deadlines, alternative registration options, and general questions.

STUDENT RECORDS: Assistance with updating student records such as changing degree programs, adding/dropping concentrations, minors and transferring credit. Advising for graduate degree requirements and graduation procedures. Support for general student record questions.

ACADEMIC POLICIES: Advising support for graduate students to help navigate graduate college policy and academic deadlines.

www.grad.illinois.edu/academic-support
Grad School 101: Finding Fellowships

SEARCH
Browse our Fellowship Finder database to find a fellowship that’s right for you

LEARN
Take our grant-writing workshops and learn the art of proposal writing

REFINE
Utilize our one-on-one proposal review service to create your most competitive proposal

Grad School 101: Career Development

SUCCEED
Get tools you need to succeed in graduate school and beyond

EXPLORE
Discover broad and exciting career options that use your advanced skills

SEARCH
Land the job for you with effective application materials and interview preparation

CONNECT
Make connections with alumni and employers in your chosen fields
Grad School 101: The Thesis/Dissertation

DEVELOPMENT:
Research, write, repeat
- Find writing and research support
- Make use of copyright tools
- Become familiar with Graduate College format requirements

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL:
Are you ready to defend?
- Be aware of important deadlines
- File your title page
- Get ready to defend your thesis
- Review release options
- Obtain departmental approval

GRAD COLLEGE APPROVAL:
Prepare for your deposit
- Prepare your submission
- Submit your thesis for Graduate College review
- Complete your deposit

Grad School 101: Problem Solving

CONNECTING
Making referrals to appropriate resources, offices, and services

CONSULTING
Offering expertise, information, and assistance to prevent problems

COACHING
Advising on strategies for addressing problems and minimizing conflict

CONFLICT RESOLUTION
Providing guidance in resolving academic conflict
Additional Resources for grad students

- Workshops & Events
- Publications & Newsletters
- Guidebook App
- Quick Guide
- Welcome Guide “Getting Started”
- Online Resources

www.grad.Illinois.edu

guidebook.com/g/GradLifeIL
Watch for…

- Research Live! Competition
- Image of Research Competition
- Grad Student Leadership Award
- Grad Student Appreciation Week
- Fellowship proposal writing workshops
- Career development/preparation workshops

http://go.grad.illinois.edu/events
Setting Expectations
Expectations for Graduate Students

- Acquire specialized knowledge
- Take more active role
- Carve out your own niche
- Work at forefront of field
- Become a member of profession

Tips for Success

- Develop a strong network
- Create a plan for studies and career
- Take ownership of your degree
- Self-care and wellness
Develop a strong network

- Connect with peers in your field
- Seek out mentoring and advising
- Get to know faculty and staff
- Join student organizations
- Use other campus resources

Mentoring – a network essential

- Mentoring is an important part of the graduate school experience.
- Your mentor may be your academic advisor, but not necessarily.
- A mentor helps you understand how to match your ambitions with the educational and career choices you will encounter.
- You may have more than one mentor depending on your career goals and needs.
- www.grad.illinois.edu/mentoring
Create a plan for studies and career

- What do you want to learn or do?
- How can you get that experience?
- What careers are you considering? How can you prepare?
- What are the unwritten expectations for your profession?
- GradMAP www.grad.Illinois.edu/GradMAP

Take ownership of your degree

- Know requirements, policies, and deadlines
- Check your academic record
- Be assertive about asking questions and gathering information
- Seek out opportunities
- Know the Graduate Contact in your program
Self-care and wellness

- Health and Wellness
- Managing Stress
- Financial Wellness
- Work/Life Balance
- Knowing when to ask for help
The End.