Welcome to the Graduate College

Emily Wuchner, Thesis Coordinator
12,000+ Graduate Students enrolled in degree programs

150+ Master’s degree programs

90+ Doctoral degree programs

25+ Fully online graduate degree programs

2,500+ Graduate Faculty

400+ EOs, DGSs, and grad program contacts

(excludes Law JD, Vet Med DVM, and CITL-non degree)
What we do

- Admissions and Enrollment
- Graduate Programs and Policies
- Diversity Programs
- Fellowship Resources and Support
- Career / Professional Development
- Dissertation Deposit / Degree Certification
Grad School 101

How the Graduate College can help you

- Academic Expectations
- Personal & Professional Development
- Community & Well-being
- Funding Graduate Education
Academic Expectations
Academic Resources

- Academic deadlines
- Forms
- Handbook
  - Graduate College Handbook
  - Student Code
  - Department Handbook

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https://grad.illinois.edu/handbooks-policies
www.grad.illinois.edu/academic-support

- Assistance with registration adding/dropping classes and registration options
- Changes to student records changing degree programs, adding/dropping concentrations, minors and transferring credit
- Answering questions about Graduate College policy and graduate degree requirements
- Thesis Deposit
Community & Well-being
GradLINKS
Weekly email notices for graduate students
http://go.illinois.edu/gradlinks

GradLIFE
Blog about the graduate student experience at Illinois
http://go.grad.illinois.edu/GradLIFE
Let's Be SOCIAL

FOLLOW US & TAG YOUR PHOTOS

#ILLINOISgradlife
Problem Solving & Sensitive Issues

- Making referrals to appropriate resources, offices, and services
- Offering expertise, information, and assistance to prevent problems
- Advising on strategies for addressing problems and minimizing conflict
- Providing guidance in resolving academic conflict

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Personal & Professional Development
Navigating your first year at Illinois

Gaining connections and insights for success

Creating a plan for your graduate career

http://go.grad.illinois.edu/GradMAP
Discover broad and exciting career options that use your advanced skills

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

Make connections with alumni and employers in your chosen fields

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http://go.grad.illinois.edu/GradCareers
Finding Fellowships

- Fellowship Finder database with over 1,200 fellowships
- Grant-writing workshops and learn the art of proposal writing
- One-on-one proposal review service to create your most competitive proposal

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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

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Benefits

Graduate Students

- Leave of Absence
- Alternative Registration Options
- Health Care for Dependents
- Nursing Mothers in the Workplace
- Student-Parents
- Child Care Resource Service

Graduate Assistants

- Research Assistant
- Teaching Assistant
- Pre-Professional Graduate Assistant
- Administrative Graduate Assistant

Benefits Orientation for Assistants

Thursday, September 6, 2018
Illini Union, room 404
3 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Illini Union, room 314A
9 - 10:30 a.m.
How to Succeed in Graduate School
Expectations for Graduate Students

- Acquire specialized knowledge
- Carve out your niche
- Become a member of profession
1. Develop a strong network
2. Create a plan for studies & career
3. Take ownership of your degree
4. Practice self-care
1 Develop a strong network

- Connect with peers in your field
- Seek out mentoring and advising
- Join student organizations

Key people in your network

- Adviser
- Director of Graduate Study (DGS)
- Graduate Program Contact
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 academic, career, and personal goals and needs.
2

Create a plan for studies & career

- What do you want to learn or do?
- How can you get that experience?
- What careers are you considering?
- How can you prepare?

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Take ownership of your degree

- Know requirements, policies, and deadlines
- Check your academic record
- Be proactive about asking questions and gathering information
- Understand academic integrity principles
4 Practice self-care

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

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www.grad.illinois.edu/need-help
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- 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

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CAMPUS RESOURCES
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

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AUGUST 27, 2018
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