Grad School 101
Welcome to the Graduate College

Allison McKinney, Senior Director of Academic Affairs
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)
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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

www.grad.illinois.edu

https://grad.illinois.edu/handbooks-policies
Your Academic Record

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

www.grad.illinois.edu/academic-support
Know your Academic Deadlines

**September 10th** –

- Last day to add a full semester course for Fall
- Last day to receive a refund if reducing course load (for example, reducing course load from 12 to 8 hours)

[https://calendars.illinois.edu/list/3284/](https://calendars.illinois.edu/list/3284/)
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
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

www.grad.illinois.edu/ombuds
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

www.grad.illinois.edu/careers

http://go.grad.illinois.edu/GradCareers
Funding Graduate Education
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

www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowships
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

www.grad.illinois.edu/job-boards
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.
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

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How to find us
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RAFFLE PRIZES
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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

MONDAY
AUGUST 27, 2018
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