### Breakout Session Descriptions

#### NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION AGENDA

**Main Session Presentations**
Main Session Presentations will take place in Rudder Theater
**Breakout Sessions**
Breakout Sessions will occur throughout the Rudder Complex and MSC

**Friday, August 23, 2019**

**Rudder Theater**

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<td>REGISTRATION IN RUDDER EXHIBIT HALL (breakfast ends at 7:50)*</td>
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*Room locations are listed beside each session*

**10:05 AM**
**BREAKOUT SESSION I (45 MINS)**
- THE ‘OTHER’ EDUCATION: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM – MSC 1400
- TIPS FOR GRAD SCHOOL SUCCESS – RUDDER TOWER 601
- ESTABLISHING YOUR SCHOLARLY IDENTITY AS A GRADUATE STUDENT – RUDDER TOWER 302
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL – MSC 2500
- UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER – MSC 2501
- STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP – MSC 2502

(10 minutes for transition)

**11:00 AM**
**BREAKOUT SESSION II (45 MINS)**
- THE CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE – ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY PROGRAM - RUDDER TOWER 401
- THE ‘OTHER’ EDUCATION: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM – MSC 1400
- TIPS FOR GRAD SCHOOL SUCCESS – RUDDER TOWER 601
- ESTABLISHING YOUR SCHOLARLY IDENTITY AS A GRADUATE STUDENT – RUDDER TOWER 302
- UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER – MSC 2501
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL – MSC 2500
- STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP - MSC 2502
- RESOURCES FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS – MSC 2503

(10 minutes for transition)

**11:55 AM**
**BREAKOUT SESSION III (45 MINS)**
- THE CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE – ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY PROGRAM – RUDDER TOWER 401
- THE ‘OTHER’ EDUCATION: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM – MSC 1400
- TIPS FOR GRAD SCHOOL SUCCESS – RUDDER TOWER 601
- ESTABLISHING YOUR SCHOLARLY IDENTITY AS A GRADUATE STUDENT – RUDDER TOWER 302
- UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER – MSC 2501
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL – MSC 2500
- STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP – MSC 2502
- VETERAN SERVICES – MSC 2503

(5 minutes for transition)

**12:45-1:35 PM**
**LUNCH & RESOURCE FAIR (10 minutes after lunch to transition to next session)**

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**Tips for Grad School Success:** Learn strategies to help you excel in graduate school, including networking, time management, avoiding burnout, and getting to know the culture of your academic program.

*Target Audience: Students interested in the secrets to graduate school success.*

**The ‘Other’ Education: Professional Development Beyond the Classroom:** Graduate education is about so much more than advanced coursework! This session will summarize some of the experiences and activities designed to support your development into a highly qualified professional and your transition to the best positions in your field. These include research-oriented experiences, professional development workshops, and more.

*Target Audience: Students interested in professional development.*

**Establishing Your Scholarly Identity as a Graduate Student:** This session will cover the basic aspects of creating a scholarly identity. In this session, we will talk about researcher information systems, such as ORCiD, that allow scholars to track their citations and create research networks. This session will be of interest to all graduate students.

*Target Audience: Students interested in researcher information systems.*

**Resources for Distance Education Students:** This presentation provides an overview of distance education at Texas A&M University as well as other campus services for distance education students.

*Target Audience: Students completing their graduate coursework through distance education.*

**Student Activities and Leadership:** The Department of Student Activities creates and fosters leadership and involvement opportunities that enhance personal, interpersonal, and organizational development of students and student organizations. As members of the university community, we are committed to developing leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good. Come learn how to get involved on campus and develop your leadership potential while in Aggieland.

*Target Audience: Students interested in learning about and/or joining student organizations, leadership opportunities, and involvement as a graduate student.*

**University Writing Center:** Are you concerned about writing papers and making presentations in graduate school? Come learn what services the University Writing Center offers graduate students and get some tips on academic writing to ensure you get a successful start in your coursework!

*Target Audience: Students interested in learning about tips for success in writing for graduate school.*

**Financial Management During Graduate School:** Keeping track of your money as a graduate student can be stressful. Find out how to establish an easy and effective money management system to help reduce your stress about your finances while you pursue your academic degree.

*Target Audience: Students interested in personal financial management.*

**Veteran & Military Dependent Student Resources:** This presentation is for all current or former military Service members or military dependents who are (or may be) eligible for military education benefits. The session will provide information about military educational benefits and numerous other resources available to all military-affiliated students. Texas A&M is dedicated to serving well those who have served…Join us for this session to find out how to connect with other veterans and resources!

*Target Audience: Veterans and military dependent students.*

**Center for Teaching Excellence – English Language Proficiency Program:** The Center for Teaching Excellence provides linguistic support year-round for international graduate students who wish to communicate more effectively with American English speakers, especially undergraduate students. It also assists students in becoming eligible for graduate assistantships that involve teaching (i.e., GAT, GAI, GAL, and GTF positions). At this breakout session, you will learn about the variety of programs and services that are available, whether or not you are currently eligible for a teaching assistantship, and how to become eligible. You will also hear a brief overview of the English Language Proficiency Exam (ELPE).

*Target Audience: Students who are not native speakers of North American English and desire professional development in communication and/or guidance regarding certification to become a teaching assistant.*