NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION AGENDA
January 10, 2020

**Entire Program will take place in the Memorial Student Center. Breakfast and Lunch will be available.**

Memorial Student Center, 2300A

7:30 – 8:30 AM (60 MINUTES) REGISTRATION IN THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER

8:30 – 8:40 AM (10 MINUTES) UNIVERSITY WELCOME – DR. MICHAEL STEPHENSON

8:40 – 8:55 AM (15 MINUTES) GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AT TAMU – DR. KAREN BUTLER-PURRY

8:55 – 9:15 AM (20 MINUTES) OVERVIEW OF OGAPS – DR. JAMIE SAUCIER

9:15 – 9:25 AM (10 MINUTES) AGGIE HONOR CODE – MR. TIM POWERS


9:55 – 10:15 AM (20 MINUTES) TITLE IX – MS. JENNIFER SMITH

10:15 – 10:25 AM (10 MINUTES) SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID – MS. DAWN COLEMAN-GLENN

(15 MINUTE BREAK)

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10:40 AM BREAKOUT SESSION I (45 MINS)

- TIPS FOR GRAD SCHOOL SUCCESS – MRS. DEBBIE STARNES – MSC 2406A
- ESTABLISHING YOUR SCHOLARLY IDENTITY AS A GRADUATE STUDENT – DR. SHEILA GREEN – MSC 2406B
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL – MR. DAVID ROACH – MSC 2404
- WELCOME TO AGGIELAND – TRADITIONS COUNCIL – MSC 2501
- VETERAN AND MILITARY DEPENDENT STUDENT RESOURCES – COL. JERRY SMITH – MSC 2500
- UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER – MS. DONNA PATEL – MSC 2405
- STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP – MR. BENJAMIN STALVEY – MSC 2401
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY PROGRAM – MR. BRANDON COOPER & MS. GINESSA PAYNE – MSC 2502

(5 MINUTE BREAK)

11:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSION II (45 MINS)

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- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL – MR. DAVID ROACH – MSC 2404
- WELCOME TO AGGIELAND – TRADITIONS COUNCIL – MSC 2501
- RESOURCES FOR DISTANCE STUDENTS – MR. CLAY BRYAN – MSC 2500
- UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER – MS. DONNA PATEL – MSC 2405
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12:20pm (60 MINS) RESOURCE FAIR W/ LUNCH IN BETHANCOURT BALLROOMS (MSC 2300C)

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1:25 – 1:40 PM (15 MINUTES) SAFETY AND SECURITY – LT. BOBBY RICHARDSON

1:40 – 1:55 PM (15 MINUTES) STUDENT BUSINESS SERVICES – MR. IVAN MATIP

1:55 – 2:10 PM (15 MINUTES) COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES – MS. KRISTIE DE LA GARZA

2:10 – 2:30 PM (20 MINUTES) HEALTH PROMOTION – DR. DENISE CRISAFI

2:30 – 2:40 PM (10 MINUTES) GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT – MR. PURNA DODDAPANENI

2:40 – 3:10 PM (30 MINUTES) GRADUATE STUDENT PANEL

3:10 – 3:25 PM (15 MINUTES) CLOSING REMARKS AND GIVEAWAYS
Break Out Sessions

**Tips for Grad School Success:** Learn strategies to help you excel in graduate school, such as forming study groups, networking, time management skills, and getting to know the culture of your academic program.
*Target Audience:* Students interested in secrets to graduate school success.

**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.

**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 stress about your finances while pursuing your academic degree.
*Target Audience:* Students interested in personal financial management.

**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 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.

**Welcome to Aggieland:** Are you new to Texas A&M? This session will give you an overview of life in Aggieland, introducing you to time-honored traditions on campus and exploring recreational activities available in the Bryan/College Station area. Being a new student in an unfamiliar place can be overwhelming. Let us help you get acclimated to your new home!
*Target Audience:* Students new to Texas A&M University or the Bryan/College Station Area.

**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. Join us for this session to find out how to connect with other veterans and resources!
*Target Audience:* Veterans and military dependent students.

**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.

**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.

**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.