

Office of Graduate Studies and Admissions New Student Orientation

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| Overview | All new UMass Boston graduate students are encouraged to join us for one of our Graduate Student Orientation days, featuring an overview of critical resources in the morning followed by lunch and networking with your new colleagues across campus. Representatives from financial aid, registration, international student services, and more will be on hand to answer your specific questions. Please register for one of the four available general orientation sessions. Those with graduate assistants are also encouraged to attend one of the con-current assistantship trainings offered. | |
| Dates | Wednesday, August 28 Thursday, August 29 Online session released Friday, August 30 | |
| Schedule | 9 – 10:45 a.m. | General orientation session (ISC, 3 rd floor atrium) <i>Or</i> New Graduate Assistant training (ISC, 1 st floor Atrium) (Open to graduate assistants only, no registration required) |
| | 10:45 – 12:30 p.m. | General orientation session (ISC, 3 rd floor atrium) <i>Or</i> New Graduate Assistant training (ISC, 1 st floor Atrium) (Open to graduate assistants only, no registration required) |
| | 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. | Lunch and peer networking (ISC, 1 st floor Atrium) |
| | 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. | Breakout tables <i>Or</i> New Graduate Assistant training (ISC, 1 st floor Atrium) |
| | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. | General orientation session (ISC, 1 st floor Atrium) |
| Registration | https://www.eventbrite.com/e/graduate-student-orientation-tickets-63124341605 | |
| General Agenda | 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. (10:45 – 11:00) | Opening remarks, VP for Research & Dean of Graduate Studies |
| | 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. (11:00 – 11:30) | Getting ready for class (panel) Registrar, Bursar, Financial Aid, International Student Services |
| | 9:45 – 10:15 a.m. (11:30 – 12:00) | The UMass Boston support system (panel) Health Services, Dean of Students, Graduate Student Assembly, Diversity and Inclusion, Graduate Employee Organization |
| | 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. (12:00 – 12:30) | Academic and Professional Resources (panel) Ross Center, Grad Studies, Sponsored Projects, Career Services |
| GA Agenda | Overview and paperwork with HR and Bursar representatives | |

Panel Outlines

Getting Ready for Class

- Calendar (registration, add/drop, and withdrawal deadlines)
- Advising (through program/department)
- Wiser navigation
- Holds and who can remove them
- Understanding your bill (GA-specific information at breakout)
- Loans, alternative loans, and other funding options
- Campus resources for international students

The UMass Boston Support System

- Student health insurance review
- Health and counseling resources available
- Title IX review
- GSA research and professional development grants
- Organizations, clubs, and social events

Academic and Professional Resources

- Policy (usually starts with program/GPD)
- Academic integrity
- Explore program/department/college resources available
- Writing center and statistics support
- Ross center supports and process
- ORSP Programming/workshops availability
- Pivot (sign up at resource fair?)
- Career center (grad specific resources/programming?)

Table discussions

- ORSP (Pivot)
- Registrar (timing/policy questions, Wiser help)
- ISSO (visa information, citizenship/SSN assistance)
- Financial Aid/Bursar (reading bill, paying bill, identifying aid)