Welcome from the
Graduate College
Amy Whittinghill
NEW GRAD STUDENT Welcome Reception
Monday, 8/24, 4-6 p.m., Illini Union
BRING YOUR I-CARD!
What does the Graduate College do?

Admissions

Graduate programs and policies

Educational equity programs

Fellowship resources and support

Career and professional development

Dissertation deposit and degree certification
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.

See details at www.grad.illinois.edu/quick-guide
How to find us
grad@Illinois.edu or 333-0035

Coble Hall
801 S. Wright St.
(Main Desk, 2nd floor)

Illini Union Bookstore
NE entrance
3rd floor

MTD Transit Station

Alma Mater

Illini Union

The Quad
Expectations for Graduate Students

- Acquire specialized knowledge
- Take more active role
- Be independent
- Work at forefront of field
- Become a member of profession
Tips for Success

- Develop a strong network
- Create a plan for studies and career
- Take ownership of your degree
Tip 1: Develop a Strong Network

- Connect with peers in your field
- Seek out mentoring and advising
- Get to know faculty and staff
- Join student organizations
- Use other campus resources
Mentoring

- Mentoring is an important part of the graduate school experience.
- 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.
- Some students even have more than one mentor depending on their career goals and needs.
- www.grad.illinois.edu/mentoring
Tip 2: Create a Plan for Studies and Career

- What do you want to learn or do?
- How can you get that experience?
- What careers are you considering? How can you prepare?
- What are the unwritten expectations in for your profession?
Tip 3: Take Ownership of Your Degree

- Know requirements, policies, and deadlines
- Be assertive about asking questions and gathering information
- Seek out opportunities
Staying Informed and Connected

- Website
- GradLinks
- Social Media

Health and Wellness

Summer 2015 Health Coverage for Graduate Students

To ensure that you receive summer 2015 health coverage and benefits, (Student Health Insurance, McKinley Health Center, DeltaVision Insurance), please make sure you read the health coverage information online and take action as appropriate.

Summer Health Insurance Deadlines:
- To add dependents to an existing plan or to opt out of student health insurance, go to www.slihs.edu.
- To remove (opt out of the student health insurance plan, please stop by the Student Health Insurance Office, Room 100 North, Harry Administration Building, 500 S. Wright Street, Urbana, IL.

Farm Stand on the Quad Open Thursdays
The Sustainable Student Farm, a program of the Department of Crop Sciences, and in cooperation with the Illini Union and the Student Sustainability Committee, has begun to work the Quad. The Farm Stand is open every Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., grown on campus. The Farm Stand is located on the south side of the Illini Union.

Your Finances

Financial Resources Available on Cultivating Currency Blog
Have you checked out Cultivating Currency? It's your go-to resource for financial information at the University of Illinois. In nearly 10 years, it has focused on money-saving tips. This blog regularly features updates and information about navigating higher education transitions. Whether you're starting school, having a child, purchasing a home, or going on fellowship, this blog can help make your life transition easier.

Have a question you'd like to see addressed on the blog? You can submit your questions as well.

Your Career

Individual Career Advising
Spring is a great time to start thinking about your future career or graduate school admissions. The Graduate Career Development Office is here to help. We offer individual advising to graduate students on how to get help on everything from career exploration and networking to job interviews for positions in this field. Contact us today by logging onto the Office of Career Development at http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/career.
Taking Care of Yourself

- Health and Wellness
- Financial Wellness
- Work/Life Balance
- Knowing when to ask for help
Assistantships & Campus Employment

Most assistantship offers are made through your home department. Check with your department first.

Other resources for assistantships and hourly employment

- Assistantship Clearinghouse
- Research Park Job Board
- Virtual Job Board

Details and links posted at www.grad.illinois.edu/job-boards
Graduate Assistant Orientation

• For teaching, research, pre-professional, and graduate assistants
• Information about appointments and benefits
• Co-sponsored by Academic Human Resources and the Graduate College

Offered twice:

Wed., Sept. 9
3:00 – 4:30 P.M.
or
Thurs., Sept. 17
9:00 – 10:30 A.M.

Illini Union – Room 406
Graduate Student Academic Services (GSAS)

- Student registration and records
- Academic policy
- Academic conflict resolution
- Navigating problems and conflicts, including options to resolve problems
- Referrals to useful resources
- Coaching to determine what you can do to avoid or minimize problems and conflict
Office of External Fellowships

SEARCH
Browse our Fellowship Opportunities database to find a fellowship that’s right for you

LEARN
Take our grant-writing workshops and learn the art of proposal writing

REFINE
Utilize our one-on-one proposal review service to create your most competitive proposal
Career Development

SUCCEED
Get tools you need to succeed in graduate school and beyond

EXPLORE
Discover broad and exciting career options that use your advanced skills

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

CONNECT
Make connections with alumni and employers in your chosen fields
Web Resources and Video Tutorials

- Assistantship Clearinghouse
- Career Development
- Financial Literacy
- Finding Fellowships
- Mentoring
- Orientation Videos
- Thesis Deposit
Assessment of the Illinois Doctoral Experience

Please tell us about your doctoral experience at Illinois.

AIDE is a rotating assessment. Only a portion of our doctoral programs are reviewed each year.

We rely on student input to make improvements to our doctoral programs, so please tell us what you think!
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship - Information Session

Friday, September 11
1:30-3:30 p.m.

Alice Campbell Alumni Center Ballroom
601 S. Lincoln Ave.

Registration
https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/4061823