Carnegie Mellon University

Ph.D. Student Orientation
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9:30-9:45am  Welcome
9:45-10:45am  Ph.D. Student Resources
10:45 -11:45am  Carnegie Mellon: A Look Back to Understand our Values of Today
11:45-12:45  PhD. Networking Lunch, Rangos 3, 2nd floor
1:00-2:00pm  University Welcome, Baker Tent

Move to Doherty Hall 2210

2:15-3:15pm  Ph.D. Students and Teaching at CMU
3:15-4:15pm  Ph.D. Students and Research at CMU
4:15-5:15pm  Ph.D. Student Panel
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- Career & Professional Development Center
- Cohon Center
- Conference & Events Services
- Dining Services
- Health Services
- Housing
- Office of Community Standards & Integrity
- Office of International Education
- Orientation & New Student Programs
- Student Activities
- Student Life
## Important Contacts & Resources

### Your Important Contacts

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Office of the Dean of Student Affairs

- **Location:**
  - 3rd Floor of Warner Hall

- **Unique Resources:**
  - Emergency Student Loans
  - Domestic Partner Registration
University Policies

- Policies Webpage
  - www.cmu.edu/policies

- The WORD
  - Academic Standards, Policies and Procedures
  - Community Standards Policies and Procedures
  - http://www.cmu.edu/student-affairs/theword//
Personal Health and Wellness

- Full Service Community Health Center
  - Comprehensive Care Management
  - Health Insurance
  - Nutrition
  - Smoking Cessation

- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
Cohon Center

- Information Desk
- Post Office and Fed Ex
- Computer Store
- Book Store
- Credit Union/Banking
- Dining Venues
- Meeting and Event Spaces
The HUB

- ID Cards
- Billing
- Financial Aid

Lower Level in Warner Hall
Safety and Security

- University Police
- CMU Shuttle and Escort
- SafeWalk
Student Programming

- Clubs and Student Organizations
- Multicultural, Gender and LGBTQ
- PGH Connections
- Community Service (PACE)
- Arts Pass Program
- Spirituality and Religious
- Concerts, Lectures, Movies, etc.
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5th Floor Warner Hall

✓ Resources for Graduate Students
✓ Professional Development Programs
✓ Academic Policies
✓ Informal Advisor/ Ombudsman
Resources

- Graduate Education -
  [www.cmu.edu/graduate](http://www.cmu.edu/graduate)
- The WORD - Student Handbook
- Departmental Graduate Student Handbook
- Campus Publications
Resources

- www.cmu.edu/graduate
- Policies
- Campus Offices
- Professional Development Seminars
- Conference and Research Funding
- Living in Pittsburgh
Academic Resources

- Computing Services
- Libraries
- Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence
- Office of Research Compliance
Academic Resources

- Intercultural Communications Center
- Global Communications Center
- Disability Resources
Professional Development Programs

www.cmu.edu/graduate
Funding Programs
Supported by GSA and Provost

- Conference Funds
  - $500 per year/student
  - given on quarterly basis

- GuSH Research Funding
  - $750 per year/student
  - given on semester basis
Professional Development Seminars and Resources

- Advisor/Advisee Relationship
- Skills Development
- Personal Development
- The Job Search Process -
  - Academic and Non-Academic
Underrepresented Communities

- Graduate Women’s Gatherings
- Students of Color Programs
- Support of Graduate Student Organizations
University Policies

- Computing
- Intellectual Property
- Academic Integrity
- Misconduct in Research
- Doctoral Student Status
- Community Standards
College/Department Policies

- Time to Degree
- Vacation/Time Off
- Student Funding
- Student Employment
- Teaching Assistantships
- Research Assistantships
Department/Program Policies in Graduate Student Handbooks

- Department Resources and Contacts
- Department and College Policies
- Academic Standards and Requirements
Department/Program Policies in Graduate Student Handbooks

- Financial Support
- Academic Integrity - Cheating and Plagiarism
- Doctoral Committee
- Support Services
- Grievance Process
Academic Standards

- Set by Department
- Found in each Course Syllabus
- In general: Grade of 3.0 in required courses and overall 3.0 QPA for graduation
- High level of academic integrity expected in all work
Policies vary from program to program within a College and across Colleges

So DO NOT expect that your requirements are the same as some else’s in another program
Graduate Student Concerns and Grievances

- Talk to Faculty and Graduate Program Coordinators In Your Department
- Follow Department/University Grievance Process
- Seek external counsel from the Graduate Student Ombudsman-
  - Dr. Suzie Laurich-McIntyre
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Graduate Student Assembly
Our Mission

To advocate for and support the diverse needs of all Carnegie Mellon University graduate students in their personal, professional, and public lives.

- Improving quality of life on and off campus
- Supporting academic and professional goals
- Encouraging engaged citizenship
Who We Are

GSA Departmental Representatives
  90+ across 45 graduate programs

2015-16 Executive Board

President
  Carolyn Commer, English

Vice-Presidents
  Campus Affairs–Beth Halayko, Heinz
  External Affairs–Daniel Gingerich, EPP
  Graduate Student Life–Clive Newstead, Math
  Communications–Hassan Khan, EPP
  Finance–Erin Fahrenkopf, Tepper
What We Do

1. Serve as communication link between students and administration (**Committees**)
2. Advocate for grad student needs (**Advocacy**)
3. Manage graduate student activities fees ($)
4. Organize social events (**Social Facilitator**)

Committees

GSA Committees (6+)
Campus Affairs
External Affairs
Communications
Finance
Grad Life (Social)
Healthcare

University Committees (30+)
Smoking Policy
Design Review
Sexual Assault & Relationship Violence Prevention
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Advocacy on Campus

Improving Quality of Life
Bike racks & repair stations
Lactation room and changing tables
Ridesystems shuttle tracking

Campus Policy and Decision-Making
Maternity accommodation
Summer pay rates for grad students

Supporting Professional Goals
Online TA evaluations
$100 Dissertation writing group grants
Conference and research grants
Advocacy Off-Campus

4 Key Policy Issues
Open access to federally-funded research
Student visas
Lower graduate student loan rates
Funding for graduate education

Advocacy Partners
National Association for Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS)
Pittsburgh Student Governance Council (PSGC)
$103 from each grad student, each semester:

• **GSA (45%)**
  Activities, social events and other initiatives

• **JFC (30%)**
  Funding other student organizations around campus

• **Department Funds (25%)**
  GSA Reps in each program manage funds for things that are open to all students in the program: happy hours, holiday parties, student lounges etc.
Upcoming Events

September
• Pirates Baseball Game
• Legislative Action Days

October
• Fall Formal

November
• Steelers Football Game
GSA Orientation Events

GSA BBQ
   Tues, August 18th 5pm-7pm on the Mall

Ice cream social
   Wed, August 19th 5:30pm-7:30pm @ Merson Courtyard

Welcome Back Happy Hour
   Mon, August 31st from 6pm-9pm @ Mario’s & Steel Cactus on Walnut Street
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