

New Graduate Student Orientation Agenda

Thursday, August 17th, 2017

8:30-9:00 AM **Check-in (LEEP2 McClendon Atrium)**

9:00-9:45 AM **Welcome/Introductions (LEEP2 2415)**

The Research & Graduate Program staff will introduce themselves, then give a short welcome presentation to orient you to the School of Engineering.

9:45-10:15 AM **GEA introductions, ice breaker**

Members of the Graduate Engineering Association (GEA) Ambassadors will introduce themselves and give a little more information about their group. They will then lead the group in an ice breaker activity.

10:15-11:15 AM **Advisor/Advisee Relationships**

Dr. Perry Alexander will facilitate a discussion on best practices for new graduate students to create and build an appropriate relationship with their advisor for a successful graduate career.

11:15-11:30 AM **Break**

Snacks will be provided to all students, to account for the late lunch.

11:30-12:30 PM **Finding Funding with Damon Talbott**

Damon Talbott from the Graduate Studies office will guide a discussion on best practices for finding funding opportunities from a wide variety of sources.

12:30-1:00 PM **Cultural Communication Activity**

The Office of International Programs will facilitate an activity to help students learn about each other's cultures, experiences, and identities, and to begin getting to know their classmates.

1:00 PM **Pick up lunch**

A box lunch will be provided. Students will pick up their boxed lunch before leaving for their respective departments.

1:15-5:00 PM **Orientation to Your Department (various departmental locations)**

Learn everything you need to know about your department in the School of Engineering. You will hear details about the curriculum, enrollment, advising, and faculty. What expectations do the faculty and staff have of the students in their departments? What do you expect of your instructors and mentors? During this candid discussion, we will set goals for your time in the program as well as understanding exactly what you can expect as a new graduate student at the University of Kansas.

Aerospace – 2139 Learned

Bioengineering – 1 Eaton Hall

Chemical and Petroleum Engineering – 4161 Learned Hall

Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering – 1179 Learned

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science – 2420 LEEP2

Engineering & Project Management – Edwards Campus – Tuesday, August 15th from 5-8 PM in BEST Conf. Center

Mechanical Engineering - 3150 Learned Hall

1:30-5:00 PM **Check out (LEEP2 1415)**

Students can check out and turn in their evaluations after they have finished their departmental orientation. RGP staff will also be available to answer any remaining questions students have. Students are then encouraged to leave as a group to attend the social event.

4:30-8:00 PM **Optional Social Event hosted by GEA at The Nest at The Oread Hotel**

Meet the members of the Graduate Engineering Association (GEA) during an optional social event! This event will start with a student panel for you to ask any questions of our current students, then transition to an informal social gathering. GEA will provide appetizers and there will be a cash bar. Feel free to relax, hang out, and meet other current graduate students!