

New Graduate Student Orientation Agenda

Wednesday, January 10th, 2018

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

8:30-9:00 AM **Welcome/Introductions (LEEP2 1420)**

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

9:00-9:30 AM **Finding Funding**

Lynn Villafuerte, Assistant Director for Graduate Academic Services will guide a discussion on best practices for finding funding opportunities from a wide variety of sources.

9:30-10:30 AM **Advisor/Advisee Relationships**

Dr. Perry Alexander, Distinguished Professor in EECS, will facilitate a discussion on best practices for new graduate students to create and build a collaborative professional relationship with their advisor for a successful graduate career.

10:30-10:45 AM **Break**

10:45-11:15 AM **GEA Ambassador Introductions & Ice Breaker**

Members of the Graduate Engineering Association (GEA) Ambassadors will introduce themselves and highlight KU Campus & Community Resources. They will then lead the group in an ice breaker activity.

11:15-12:00 PM **Research & Academic Integrity**

Dr. Chris Depcik, in Mechanical Engineering will facilitate a discussion on best practices for new graduate students to utilize when beginning their graduate academic career and research.

12:00-12:30 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.



12:30 PM Pick-Up Lunch & Move to Department/Program Orientation

A box lunch will be provided. Students will pick up their boxed lunch before leaving for their respective departmental orientations. GEA Ambassadors will be available to direct students to their department/program orientation.

12:45-5:00 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 Hall

Bioengineering – G535 M2SEC

Chemical and Petroleum Engineering – 4161 Learned Hall

Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering – 2140 Learned Hall

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science – 1420 LEEP2

Engineering & Project Management

Edwards Campus – Thursday, January 11th, from 4:30-8:00 PM in the BEST Building

Mechanical Engineering – 3152 Learned Hall

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

Students can check out and complete their evaluations after they have finished their departmental orientation to receive a KU engineering gift. 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.

5:00-8:00 PM *Optional Social Event hosted by GEA*

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!

Note: All presentation materials and handouts will be posted to Blackboard in the Engineering Graduate Orientation under resources.

