Dean’s Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) at Harvard University. You have been chosen to join our student ranks from more than 13,000 applicants because of your talent, motivation, and intellectual curiosity—qualities that have enabled GSAS to develop a dynamic global community of future visionary scholars, innovative educators, and creative leaders.

Established in 1872, GSAS offers the PhD and a select number of terminal master’s degrees in 56 departments, programs, and divisions; it is the only school at Harvard that grants the PhD. Seventeen of those programs—known as interfaculty programs—are offered in conjunction with professional schools at Harvard, such as Harvard Medical School, Harvard Business School, and Harvard Divinity School. In addition to connecting with other parts of Harvard, GSAS students form an important bridge between undergraduates in Harvard College and the Faculty, serving as teaching fellows in the classroom and participating in residential life as tutors and proctors while working with professors to advance research and knowledge.

GSAS is a community dedicated to diversity. We are the most international school at Harvard, with 34 percent of our students hailing from abroad. Our Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs recruits and mentors a community of students that reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of our global society. We connect our students with groups and resources designed to help you find communities on campus that nourish your individual interests.

This publication will help you learn more about your new academic home and introduce you to the key people within GSAS that can help you navigate your time at Harvard. While you will spend most of your time working within your specific department or program, our staff can help you access broader student resources, professional development opportunities, and extracurricular activities. Don’t forget to review Resources for GSAS Students, which you will find in your Orientation folder, to learn more about academic, counseling, and other resources.

Whatever your area of study, you have embarked on a challenging and rewarding journey, and all of us at GSAS are ready to help you make the most of your time here. Welcome to Harvard!

Xiao-Li Meng
Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Whipple V. N. Jones Professor of Statistics
DOWNLOAD THE HARVARD APP
Want to view a Harvard map? Find the contact information for a faculty member? Check Harvard shuttle route information? Get answers to these questions and more on the Harvard Mobile App, available through the iTunes store and Google Play.

WHERE IS GSAS?
GSAS is part of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS), Harvard University’s largest division. The FAS also includes Harvard College, the John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the Division of Continuing Education, and libraries and museums. GSAS offices are in three locations:

University Hall, Harvard Yard
Dean’s Office—3rd floor, 617-495-1646
Richard A. and Susan F. Smith Campus Center, 1350 Massachusetts Avenue
Student Affairs and Financial Aid—3rd floor, 617-495-1814 and 617-495-5396
Dudley House, Lehman Hall, Harvard Yard
Student Services and Residential Life—Room B 3, 617-495-5005
Dudley House Administration—3rd floor, 617-495-2255

THE HARVARD CAMPUS

Harvard University consists of eleven separate academic units—ten schools plus the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study—with campuses located throughout the Boston metropolitan area comprising over 5,000 acres. While the main campus, University administration buildings, and the schools of design, diversity, education, and law are located in Cambridge, Harvard Business School and some athletics facilities, including Harvard Stadium, are located across the Charles River in the Allston neighborhood of Boston. The medical, dental, and public health schools are in the Longwood Medical Area. GSAS students have connections with all of Harvard’s eleven academic units.

You can view an interactive Harvard campus map at map.harvard.edu or connections with all of Harvard’s eleven academic units.

STARTING OUT

Don’t just focus on classes; make sure you go to research seminars as much as possible. After all, our mission is to become producers of knowledge, so it really helps to start thinking about research questions and participating in the discussions as soon as possible.

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Don’t be surprised by complexity. The biggest surprise for me was discovering how multidimensional research is. It requires a long list of skills—it is not just about thinking through the research questions (which by itself is non-trivial), but also about collaboration, communications, time budgeting, balancing between different objectives and priorities, etc. I think we will all learn this gradually and get better with experience.

TIP: GET TO KNOW MY.HARVARD, THE STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

The student information system my.harvard is the go-to place for managing your graduate student experience. You can browse classes and take care of course registration, update your personal information, and view grades, bills, and more. Planning tools help you map your academic career, and you can use my.harvard to engage your advisors and monitor progress toward your degree.

Visit my.harvard.edu to get started.

Transportation

Whether you are based in Cambridge, the Longwood Medical Area, or the Allston part of Boston, numerous transportation options exist to help you get from point A to point B.

Harvard Transportation

Harvard Shuttle Buses

Cover the Cambridge and Allston campuses. Details at shuttle.harvard.edu. The Main Longwood Medical Shuttle takes students, faculty, and staff between Cambridge and the Longwood Medical Area. Details at masco.org/directions/massachusetts-harvard-shuttle.

Route information is also available through the Harvard Mobile App. For information about accessible van and evening van services, visit www.transportation.harvard.edu/shuttle-van-service.

Public Transportation

The MBTA, also known as “The T,” helps residents and visitors get around the Metro Boston area via a network of subways, buses, and commuter rail trains. GSAS students can purchase a CharlieCard that provides access for an unlimited number of rides.

Forms are available in your Orientation folder or on the GSAS website at gsas.harvard.edu/current_students/mbta_semester_pass_program.php. Visit mbta.com for schedules and maps, rider tools, and more.

Bicycling

Bicycling is a great way to get around Cambridge and Boston, and both cities have invested in making roadways safer for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. The Hubway bike-sharing system also allows you to commute to and from Cambridge, Boston, Brookline, and Somerville without having to own a bicycle. For more information on how to get started and navigate the area, visit www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Transportation/gettingaroundcambridge/bike/bcycleandwww.bostonbikes.org.

Cars

Owning a car in Metro Boston can be challenging. If your residence doesn’t come with off-street parking, make sure to review parking rules and regulations on the website of the city you live in and monitor when street cleaning takes place. You will need to move your car or it will be towed. Living car-free is easier than you think; thanks to the multiple Harvard and public transportation options. If you need a car, Zipcar and Enterprise CarShare offer hourly rates on rentals, with vehicles of nearly every size located at strategic spots throughout the area. Visit zipcar.com or enterprisecarshare.com to learn more.

Advice for incoming students

Starting life as a GSAS student is an exciting time, but with many with many unknowns. Here are some tips from students with a year under their belts.

YUERAN MA, SECOND YEAR GRADUATE STUDENT IN BUSINESS ECONOMICS

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SAA-KIERA HUDSON, SECOND YEAR GRADUATE STUDENT IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Make time for yourself! All work and no play actually make you less productive! Work-life balance is important and isn’t something that magically happens; you have to work on it. During my first semester I started spending more time on my work and less time talking with family and friends. I thought I was doing the right thing but actually became less productive, more stressed, and more anxious. Try to find the right balance for you.

Cut yourself some slack.

Don’t forget you are a first year! As a first year, you can make mistakes and not know things. It’s normal. It’s literally the definition of a first-year graduate student.

Work hard, but celebrate your achievements. I wish I’d known some tips from students with a year under their belts.

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STUDENT RESOURCES
Where to go for what you need

Whatever your area of study, you have embarked on a challenging and rewarding journey. Along the way, you may need assistance with academic or personal issues, and the GSAS staff is available to help you navigate Harvard’s resources.

Student Affairs

The Office of Student Affairs ensures the welfare of graduate students and monitors their academic and registration status, progress to degree, and discipline. The office also administers petitions and applications for readmission and nonresident status.

Contact
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Patricia O’Brien, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
Elizabeth Perret, Staff Assistant
Christina Tucker, Staff Assistant

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Below, Garth McCavana (far right), dean for student affairs, Patrick O’Brien, assistant dean of student affairs, and staff assistant Christina Tucker are available to help students.

Student Services

The Office of Student Services assists students by connecting them with resources and helping them to strategize and problem solve. The office supports student leaders, graduate student groups, and departmental graduate student organizations.

Contact
Jacqueline (Jackie) Yan, director of student services
Janet Daniels, Staff Assistant

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gsas.harvard.edu/current_students/residential_life.php

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Office of Residential Life

The Office of Residential Life assists full-time graduate students in exploring their options for both on-campus and off-campus housing. The office oversees the administration of the four GSAS residence halls, the Dudley Meal Plan, and summer conference housing. The Office of Residential Life also oversees the hiring, training, and supervision of resident advisors. Finally, the office helps students with off-campus housing issues by providing information on options, moving companies, bed and breakfasts, and storage facilities.

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Fellowships

Cynthia Verba, director of the Fellowships Office, advises graduate students on their fellowship proposals, as well as a range of issues concerned with professional development.

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OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND MINORITY AFFAIRS

An environment of inclusivity is central to GSAS’s mission and is essential to maintaining the intellectual excellence of Harvard University. The goal of the Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs is to recruit, mentor, and support a community of scholars that reflects the ethnic and cultural diversity of our society.

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Holly Saltz, Staff Assistant

Harvard Integrated Life Sciences

Harvard Integrated Life Sciences (HILS) is a federation of Harvard life sciences PhD programs, departments, and subject areas that facilitates cross-disciplinary academic and research collaboration, supports student mobility, and encourages extracurricular participation by its students, faculty, and staff members. It brings together the unparalleled expertise of Harvard faculty and the abundance of its resources across the life sciences disciplines, fueling innovative collaboration, world-changing breakthroughs, and incomparable opportunities for students.

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DUDLEY HOUSE

THE GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER

Located in Harvard Yard, Dudley House is the student center for GSAS students and for a small community of Harvard undergraduates. Dudley offers intellectual, social, and recreational opportunities planned by the Dudley Fellows (GSAS student leaders) for all students affiliated with Dudley House. Activities include dinners with faculty members, a classic film series, outings to museums and restaurants, student-run musical series, outings to museums and parks, and a library.

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HUMANITIES

Bob LaPointe, assistant director of financial aid, and staff assistants Jillian Deibold and Jake Gray provide assistance for students in the departments of:

- Classics
- East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Germanic Languages and Literatures
- Inner Asian and Altai Studies
- Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Regional Studies–East Asia
- Religion
- Romance Languages and Literatures
- South Asian Studies

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

The GSAS Financial Aid Office works closely with students to address any financial barriers they may encounter in pursuit of graduate education at Harvard. In addition to providing assistance with typical student costs, the financial aid officers are a valuable resource when unexpected expenses arise, assisting with personal financial management, and helping identify potential sources of additional support. Students are encouraged to contact the office with any finance-related questions or concerns.

For a complete overview of the policies and procedures that govern financial aid at GSAS, access “Financing Graduate Study” online at www.gsas.harvard.edu/prospective_students/financing_graduate_study.php

CONTACT

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SOCIAL SCIENCES

Emily Burns, assistant director of financial aid, and staff assistants Twanya Charters and Caitlin Weaver, help students in the departments of:

- Anthropology
- Education
- Health Policy
- History
- Human Evolutionary Biology
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Political Economy and Government
- Public Policy

Alexander Kent, financial aid officer/special students and visiting fellows officer, and Karen Loubsens, staff assistant, help special students and visiting fellows in the departments of:

- Business Economics
- Economics
- Organizational Behavior

Judith Mehrmann, assistant director of financial aid, and staff assistant Maggie Dunphy, help students in the departments of:

- Chemical Physics
- Division of Medical Sciences
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Organismic and Evolutionary Biology
- Systems Biology

Judith Mehrmann, assistant director of financial aid, Tracy Newman, officer in the natural sciences, and staff assistant Maggie Dunphy help students in the natural sciences.

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HARVARD GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Harvard Graduate Student Council (GSC) advocates for graduate students in academic, administrative, and residential matters for the GSAS. Through elected representatives and committee members, the GSC gives shape to the voice of the student body, works to improve the graduate experience for all. The GSC also awards grants to students for travel and research, sponsors GSAS student organizations, and hosts events throughout the year on topics of concern to graduate students—from professional development to crisis management.

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STUDENT RESOURCES

Continued
Harvard University
A Guide to the Cambridge and Boston Campuses and Local Landmarks for New GSAS Students

Not So Long to Longwood
A Guide to the Neighbourhoods

ILLUSTRATION: ANNE SMITH
GET TO KNOW THE HARVARD LIBRARY
The Harvard Library—the largest academic library in the world—includes 18.9 million volumes, 174,000 serial titles, an estimated 400 million manuscript items, 10 million photographs, 56 million archival web pages, and 4 terabytes of born-digital archives and manuscripts. As a GSAS student, you have direct access to all of these amazing resources, plus databases and e-resources that will help you conduct your research.

Tips to Get Started
2. Get to know your department’s library liaison. All FAS departments have a librarian who can help you identify resources in the libraries and devise research strategies for classes, term papers, theses, and dissertations.
3. Learn to use the two library websites: hcl.harvard.edu and lib.harvard.edu. You’ll find a wealth of information, including hours, locations, links to HOLLIS (the online catalog) and online databases (such as JSTOR and Web of Science), and applications for library services like Interlibrary Loan and requests from the Harvard Depository.
4. Apply for a study carrel. Make the library your research base.
5. Learn to use library research guides. Harvard librarians create a variety of research guides to assist you in your work, ranging from guides for first-time library users to subject- and course-specific guides.
6. Save time, get savvy. Learn to use research tools like CitationLink, the L&I:toolbar, and citation management tools. Learn to use the free scanner and the free (and extremely time-saving) Scan & Deliver service.

BUREAU OF STUDY COUNSEL
The Bureau of Study Counsel (BSC) supports Harvard students in their academic life and learning. The BSC offers resources to help you approach your intellectual and creative work with strategy, skill, and spirit; to make difficult choices about your time and your priorities; to conduct yourself with integrity and honor; to develop a sense of voice and authority in your scholarship, relationships, and leadership; to work well and play well with others; to discover what leaves you feeling enlivened and engaged; and to make meaning of your work and your experiences. To learn more, stop by the BSC office at 5 Linden Street or visit bsclab.harvard.edu.

Harvard Course in Reading and Study Strategies—Fall 2015 Sessions
The Harvard Course in Reading and Study Strategies helps students read more purposefully and selectively with greater speed and comprehension. Topics include:
- reading with your eyes and your mind
- reading with a question
- understanding the structure of text
- overviewing and subvocalizing
- summarizing
- anticipating and intuiting
- remembering what you read
- zooming out: navigating longer texts
- zooming in: close reading
- reading with authority

September 14 to September 18
Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (tailored for non-native English readers)
September 28 to October 9
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
September 28 to October 9
Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Cost to GSAS degree candidates: $25 ($150 general)
Advance registration is required. Visit bsclab.harvard.edu for registration and more information.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Develop the skills to succeed

GSAS is dedicated to helping students access the professional development opportunities that will prepare them for their first job after graduate school and for what they will be doing five years afterward. Though your graduate career is just beginning, you can still get to know the offices and resources that will help you during your time at Harvard.

THE DEREK BOK CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING
Teaching is a central part of many GSAS students’ graduate programs. The Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning is here to help you become a better teacher! We provide resources, programs, and support for both new and experienced graduate student teaching fellows across the disciplines. We do this through our annual Fall Teaching Conference, as well as through a variety of workshops, seminars, and other professional and scholarly development offerings. Visit bokcenter.harvard.edu to learn more.

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OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES
The Office of Career Services (OCS) offers a wide range of services and resources tailored specifically to the needs of master’s and PhD students. Graduate students often receive help from their departments with academic job searches. However, OCS offers much in the way of additional preparation to help ensure success in today’s competitive job markets within the academy and beyond. Advisors work confidentially with GSAS students on a wide range of career-related issues, from broad self-assessment and decision-making to specific advice on resumes, cover letters, and interviewing. For both new and experienced graduate teaching fellows.

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FELLOWSHIPS FOR THE EARLY YEARS
EXPLORE THESE EARLY-STAGE FELLOWSHIPS TO BOLSTER YOUR CV
There are a number of post-baccalaureate fellowships specifically focused on students in the early stages of graduate study. Deadlines come soon for these fellowships—for complete details, visit the Graduate Guide to Grants, at www.gsas.harvard.edu/fellowships. You can make an appointment to receive advice on how to write a winning proposal by calling the GSAS Fellowships Office and its director, Cynthia Verba, at 617-495-1814 (see page 5 to learn more about the Fellowships Office).

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships www.nsfgrfp.org
Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/Fellowships/fdex.htm
US Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) www.gsas.harvard.edu/students/advising/flas.php
The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans www.pdsoros.org/competition
The American Association of University Women (AAUW) International Fellowships www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/international-fellowships
The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG) www.ndSEG.org
American Association of University Women (AAUW) International Fellowships www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/international-fellowships
The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans www.pdsoros.org/competition

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS
Many departments and programs offer innovative professional development activities for their students. Talk with your department or program administrator or director of graduate studies for information about events and classes that can help you prepare for your post-graduate career.
If you ended up at Harvard, chances are your undergraduate experience consisted of cooking ramen in an electric kettle so you didn’t have to waste time going to the dining hall. In the worst case scenario, you got scurvy and gained enough weight to no longer be recognizable to your loved ones. In the best case scenario, you read your textbooks on the treadmill and occasionally ventured to the Chipotle across the street from campus. Surely there must be a third way. Here’s a guide for how to survive, and even thrive in, the next half-decade or so of your Harvard life.

**CAFFEINATE**

*Gato Rojo* in the basement of Dudley House is a cozy and convenient source of inexpensive MEM teas and dependable coffee and pastries. If you can get past the Harvard gates (are they keeping someone out, or us in?), the crowded-for-a-reason Café Crema (27 Brattle Street) roasts a hardy cup of George Howell Coffee, and the $1.75 English muffin with butter and jam may be the single best option in and around the Square instead! Even in the wee hours, you can honor your stomach and your Cambridge pride by heading for pizzabound Piemincher’s (74 Winthrop Street). The self-conscious hipness of *Café Pamplona* (7 Holyoke Street) can get a bit tiresome, but the barbecue saitán and unexpectedly good egg-and-egg plant sandwiches are well worth tracking down if you’re looking to take your order. The breakfast egg sandwich also can’t be beat. With a cheap lunch menu and half-price dinner specials, *Grendel’s Den* (89 Winthrop Street) outpaces even Clover for the title of Harvard Square’s best value for money. The cool kids have been lining up on Manhattan’s Upper West Side for years to get into Shake Shack (92 Winthrop Street), and Harvard Square boasts its very own branch. If your cholesterol spikes after eating all those burgers and you’re in the mood for something healthier, *Café Sushi* (1105 Massachusetts Avenue) has some of the best cuts of raw fish around, and the generous ten yaki bento box is just $13. Head to Punjabi Dhana (235 Hampshire Street) over in Inman Square and experience the splendors of the Indian roadside restaurant, or north a few blocks and you’ll end up at Tha Hut (91 Beacon Street), arguably the best Thai food in the area. When the weather’s good, check out the rotating selection of food trucks up by the Science Center and kick back on Harvard’s impressive lawn furniture.

**DRINK**

*Shay’s Wine Bar* (16 JFK Street) Central Square’s “Green Street” (380 Green Street) is one of the best bars in Cambridge, and if you’re looking to diversify but the expert bartenders of *Drink* (348 Congress Street) in South Boston seem like an impossibly distant mirage in the desert of your graduate-school life, head to *Brick & Mortar* (96 Massachusetts Avenue), which is every bit as excellent. Better prepared for a wait, but the expertly crafted cocktails and small, rich dishes will soon make you forget your troubles.

**EXERCISE**

Okay, so you’ve just been drinking and eating—time to make sure you can still pack a punch with the best of them!

**EAT**

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**ESCAPE**

If the above hasn’t lured you out to Inman and Central, hopefully this will. Don’t miss *Toscanini’s* (199 Main Street) or *Christina’s Ice Cream* (203 Cambridge Street), the fresh mint and kulfi flavors at both are creamy perfection. For your cultural kicks, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (280 Fenway)
UNWIND
By now you’ve wellfed and rested with just a bit of sugar high. Time to amass us a cultural capital. Head to the Sooner Theatre (35 Davis Square) or Kendall Square Cinema (1 Kendall Square) for a film. Or catch art-house picks at the Brattle Theatre (40 Brattle Street) and Harvard Film Archive (44 Quincy Street, in the Carpenter Center). And now your favorite klezmercore/webstep/metal-gaze outfit will be playing right on your doorstep: at The Sinclair (52 Church Street)—or maybe a short T stop away, at the three-in-one venue The Middle East (232 Massachusetts Avenue). The folk traditions are alive and well at Club Passim (42 Palmer Street), and classical lovers can choose between our own Sanders Theatre (35 Quincy Street, in Memorial Hall) or downtown’s Symphony Hall (30 Massachusetts Avenue). At the opposite end of the musical spectrum, on the third floor of the Hong Kong restaurant (1318 Massachusetts Avenue) is notorious for its scorpion-bowl-soaked weekend dance parties. Enjoy them while you can, because after you start rushing the risk of catching your students twirling becomes prohibitively high. Luckily, you can still enjoy the tastefully-appointed space in its incarnation as The Comedy Studio, a fantastic open-mic series hosted by a former GSAS student. To cultivate that envious sense of inner calm, book an appointment for a massage, acupuncture, some reiki or shatru at the Harvard Wellness Center (located inside the Richard A. and Susan F. Smith Campus Center at the moment). At $35 for a massage it’s a great value and much less dubious than that hole-in-the-wall you saw on Canal Street on your last trip to the city. At $5 for a rad session at Head of the Charles Regatta (54 Dunster Street) or $6 for dental insurance, or $75 for dependent health coverage and enrollment deadline for dental insurance.

SHOP
Last but not least, avoid the moth-eaten sweater that is the academic’s scourge and stock up on some must-haves for the seasons ahead at vintage mecca Oona’s Experienced Clothing (100 Cambridge Street). The latter all the retail shopping your heart desires, and the Cambridge Galleria (200 Cambridge Street) will leave the suburbanite’s heart feeling like it never left home. Luiza Zaitseva and Lulu Liu are both PhD students at GSAS.

GSAS CALENDAR
A fall term sampler of events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
Discover Dudley
7:00 p.m.–midnight, Dudley House
Get to know your graduate student center at this always-popular opening-of-the-year party.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Special Students and Visiting Fellows Reception
5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., Faculty Club Reading Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
First day of classes
(Following 2 MONDAY’s schedule)

HILS Welcome Dinner
A gala dinner for new students in the Harvard Integrated Life Sciences program. 6:00 p.m., TMC Atrium. Contact Matt Wallace (mwallace@fas.harvard.edu) for information.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
GSAS: CVs and Cover Letters 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., OCS Conference Room 54 Dunster Street

Welcome Party in the Residence Halls
7:30 p.m., GSAS Residence Halls

Fall sports pub
8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., Dudley House game room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Resumes & Cover Letters 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m., OCS Conference Room 54 Dunster Street

ETQETTE 101: Manners, Meals and Maitering Conversation 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Lamont Library

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
24th Annual Minority Student Kickoff Reception and Dinner 5:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Fire & Ice, 50 Church Street RSVP to spartons@fas.harvard.edu.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Study Card Deadline Study cards (initial course enrollment for GSAS and special students for the fall term) must be approved online by 11:59 p.m.

Arts & Literary Welcome Party 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., Dudley House Fireside Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Making a Good First Impression 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m., OCS Conference Room 54 Dunster Street

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
GSAS Cookout 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m., University Museum Lawn, Oxford Street

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Networking mixer 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m., OCS Conference Room 54 Dunster Street

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
RAD self defense information session 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Dudley House Common Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Public Service Fair 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Dudley House Common Room

Dudley Book Club 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Dudley House Graduate Student Lounge

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
RAD session Dudley House Common Room 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
Fall (or full-year) enrollment deadline for dependent health coverage and enrollment deadline for dental insurance.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
Senior Common Room Dinner 5:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Dudley House Graduate Student Lounge and Common Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
Columbus Day: a holiday

RAD session 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Dudley House Common Room

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 AND 18
Head of the Charles Regatta

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
Last day to register for or add courses for the term.

RAD session 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Dudley House Common Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
Last day to drop a course.

After this date a petition to withdraw must be submitted to the GSAS Student Affairs office.

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August 27, 2015

- PICK UP ID AND HAVE ID PHOTO TAKEN, IF NECESSARY
  Ticknor Lounge, Boyston Hall

- JOIN STUDENT GROUPS AND LEARN ABOUT ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES
  Dudley House Courtyard and Dining Hall

- ENJOY FREE REFRESHMENTS
  Dudley House Courtyard

- ENTER THE DUDLEY HOUSE RAFFLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN FREE STUFF!
  Dudley House Lobby

- ATTEND WORKSHOPS OFFERED BY THE LIBRARIES AND STUDENT LEADERS
  Fong Auditorium in Boylston Hall and Dudley House Fireside Room

- GIS IN THE HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF ASTRONOMY, MATH, PHYSICS, AND STATISTICS: BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR STIPEND CHECK AFTER YOU REGISTER
  Common Room, 2nd floor, Dudley House

- ASK THE REGISTRAR’S OFFICE QUESTIONS ABOUT COURSE ENROLLMENT
  Dudley House Private Dining Room, 1st floor