“Look with favor upon a bold beginning.” —Virgil

A comprehensive exit survey of GSAS graduates reveals that there are precisely two ways to succeed in graduate school. The first is to amass a bunker’s worth of canned goods, throw your cellphone into the Charles, and purchase a dependable pair of blinders to wear while jogging between home, class, and the lab or library. The second is to achieve a healthy balance between academic and extracurricular pursuits. For those interested in the second option, we present herein some of the indispensable things you’ll want to know about life off-campus.

Story by Nicholas Nardini • Photos by Lulu Liu

GSAS at a Glance
- Degree candidates: 4,259 (4,092 PhD; 167 master’s)
- Entering cohort: 727 (635 PhD, 92 master’s)
- Degree programs, across all disciplines: 57
- 44 percent of GSAS students are women
- 34 percent of GSAS students are international
- 8 percent of GSAS students are underrepresented minorities

Welcome to Dudley House
Kick off the year with Dudley’s biggest party! Friday, August 30, 7 p.m.-midnight!
This is GSAS

Established in 1872, GSAS is the only school at Harvard that grants the PhD. GSAS offers the PhD and a select number of terminal master’s degrees in 57 programs, departments, and divisions.

16 of those PhD programs are interfaculty, which is Harvard-speak for “jointly run by GSAS and another Harvard graduate school.” Together with Harvard College, GSAS is part of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard’s largest division. FAS also includes the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the Division of Continuing Education, and libraries and museums.

Is your program based at the Medical School, or at SEAS? The Design School, or the Kennedy School? PhD students are amazingly interdisciplinary — you cross Harvard boundaries with ease!

GSAS received more than 12,000 applications last year. If you’re reading this, you’re talented, motivated, and intellectually curious — some of the qualities that make GSAS great.

At Harvard, GSAS has the largest population of international students, representing at least 83 countries. GSAS students also come from each of the 50 US states.

As a GSAS student, you will play a significant role in shaping Harvard’s unrivaled undergraduate educational experience. 1,400 of you will be teaching fellows each term, and more than 100 of you will be resident tutors in the Houses or proctors in the freshman dorms each year. You help keep Harvard’s engines running!

Did you know that GSAS alumni contributed $2 million to the annual fund last year?

These annual gifts have an immediate impact on all GSAS students, providing for fellowships and supporting student-life activities.

You are not only starting a graduate career, you are joining an extraordinary community of leaders and scholars.

The Graduate School Fund welcomes you.
Did you know that there are more than 70 libraries at Harvard, with combined holdings of more than 17 million items? As a GSAS student, you have direct access to all of these amazing resources.

Libraries, A–Z

Whether you are searching for research materials or teaching aids, the Harvard Library has everything you'll need, on any subject you can imagine. Here are five tips to get started:

1. **Get to know your department’s Library Liaison.** All FAS departments have one—a librarian who can help you identify resources in the libraries and devise research strategies for classes, term papers, theses, and dissertations.

2. **Learn to use the two library websites:** [http://hcl.harvard.edu](http://hcl.harvard.edu) and [http://lib.harvard.edu](http://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.

3. **Apply for a study carrel.** Make the library your research base.

4. **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 guides and course-specific guides.

5. **Save time, get savvy.** Learn to use research tools like Citation Linker, the LibX toolbar, and citation management tools. Learn to use the free scanners and the free Scan and Deliver service.

To learn more, check out the Library Grad Guide [http://guides.hcl.harvard.edu/gradguide](http://guides.hcl.harvard.edu/gradguide)

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**Harvard Art Museums**

The new Harvard Art Museums open in the fall of 2014.

Stay connected during this exciting transition. Find out about our events, browse our collections, and explore stories in our magazine, Index, at [harvardartmuseums.org](http://harvardartmuseums.org).

Harvard Art Museums renovation and expansion project. Rendering, from Broadway and Prescott Street. Photo: Courtesy Renzo Piano Building Workshop.
Caffeinate

Café Gato Rojo in the basement of Dudley House is a cozy and convenient source of $1 MEM teas and dependable coffee and pastries. On those days when you'd rather not run into six members of your department, though, Algiers Coffee House (40 Brattle St.) boasts the Square's indisputably best coffee and ambiance alongside homemade Middle Eastern treats; careful, you get what you pay ($$$) for. The crowded-for-a-reason Crema Café (27 Brattle St.) roasts a hardy cup of George Howell Coffee, and the $1.50 English muffin with butter and jam may be the single best deal in the Square.

Eat

Some people say newcomers OTTO Pizza (1432 Mass. Ave.) make the best slice in the square. Those people are liars. Sure, give OTTO a try, but when you remember that farfalle and fiddleheads belong in a salad bar, not a pizza, honor your stomach and your Cambridge pride and head for Pinocchio’s (74 Winthrop St.), where thanks to the clipping-festooned walls you can enjoy some history along with your perfect square of Sicilian pizza rossa. Since mom wouldn’t want you eating pizza every day, be sure to make time for the healthful Veggie Planet (47 Palmer St.); sharing a space with Club Passim, they do things with beets you won’t believe. The Apple Store décor at Clover (7 Holyoke St.) may not be so appetizing, but this foodtruck-made-good knows how to pack a pocket. Tamarind Bay (75 Winthrop St.) and 9 Tastes (50 JFK St.) offer excellent Indian and Thai lunch specials. The New England burrito chain Boloco (71 Mt. Auburn St.) sets itself apart by breaking every Mexican taboo there is (Thanksgiving burrito, QED); for the real thing, try Felipe’s (83 Mt. Auburn St.). With a cheap lunch menu and half-price dinner specials, Grendel’s Den (89 Winthrop St.) is the Square’s best gustatory value. If you can manage to find Orinoco (down an alley at 56 JFK St.), you’ll be rewarded with unforgettable arepas and bacon-wrapped dates. If you’ve got someone to impress, try Henrietta’s Kitchen (1 Bennett St., in the Charles Hotel); if not, stop by anyway for the amazing local cheese and fruit plate, or the best desserts around.

Drink

If you dress up beforehand, maybe the beautiful people at PARK (59 JFK St.) will assume you’re from the Business School like everyone else. Forget how to tie a Windsor knot? Charlie’s Kitchen (10 Eliot St.) is home to an egalitarian mix of punk rockers and locals there for the cheap drinks and delightful lobster (ish) melts. Russell House Tavern (14 JFK St.) has a convivial basement, friendly bartenders, and probably the best beer menu and cocktails nearby. There’s a cozy cave and a breezy terrace down at Shays Wine Bar (58 JFK St.). And for my money, Central Square’s Green Street (280 Green St.) is the best.

The Extracurricular Guide to Grad School
bar in Cambridge; maybe the world? But the recent breakout star of Harvard Square’s boozing scene has been downstairs at **Tasty Burger** (40 JFK St.), where you can prove to your friends that liquor improves your billiards game and then argue with twelve-year-olds about what to play next on the jukebox. Hey, Narragansett tastes the same everywhere!

**Exercise**

Yes, you really did eat three chili Tasty Burgers last night. What to do now? Technically the law school’s, **Hemenway Gymnasium** (1515 Mass. Ave.) is the best gym for graduate students of all disciplines, with a convenient, compact facility, ample cardio machines, and an entire basement of free weights. Don’t be intimidated by the litigator-lugs camping out in the squat racks; ask to switch in. There’s a pool at FAS’s **Malkin Athletic Center** (39 Holyoke St.), where we’re supposed to be anyway. If distance running is your thing, the **Charles Riverbank** (at Diesel Cafe), where multiple running clubs can help keep your feet moving. And if you’re tired of the beaten path, you can find an old-school boxing gym and new-school capoeira classes at Central Square’s **YMCA** (820 Mass. Ave.).

**Unwind**

Last year, Cambridge lost a movie theater and gained a nightclub. For most films you’ll now need to head to the **Somererville Theater** (55 Davis Sq.) or **Kendall Square Cinema** (1 Kendall Sq.), but you can still catch art-house picks at the **Brattle Theater** (40 Brattle St.) or **Harvard Film Archive** (24 Quincy St., in the Carpenter Center, the only building in North America designed by Swiss starchitect Le Corbusier!). And now your favorite klezmercore/dweebstep/metalgaze outfit will be playing right on your doorstep, at the brand-new **Sinclair** (52 Church St.) – or maybe a short T stop away, at the three-in-one venue **The Middle East** (472 Mass. Ave.). Folk mecca **Club Passim** (47 Palmer St.) is still going strong, and classical lovers can choose between our own **Paine Hall, Sanders Theatre**, or downtown’s **Symphony Hall** (301 Mass. Ave.). At the opposite end of the musical spectrum, the third floor of the **Hong Kong** restaurant (1238 Mass. Ave.) is notorious for its scorpion-bowl-soaked weekend dance parties. Enjoy them while you can, because after you start teaching the risk of catching your students twerking 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.

**Escape**

The single best thing about Harvard Square is **Central Square**. Five minutes away by T, seven by bike, or fifteen by foot, Central didn’t get into Harvard, but that’s only because it was too busy perfecting skateboard tricks, working on its painting, and messing around with electronic music. Don’t miss **Toscanini’s** (899 Main St.): the window that says they have the world’s best ice cream may not even be exaggerating. Nearby **Inman Square** and **Davis Square** actually did get into Harvard, but they decided to go to culinary school instead. When you see what kind of cafés, restaurants and bars they have, you’ll understand the decision. Davis’s **Saloon** (255 Elm St.) pulls off the “speak-easy” thing without being cloying, and Inman’s **Druid** (1357 Cambridge St.) has everything you could ever want in an Irish pub, plus a veggie burger better than the real thing. 33,000 BU students can’t be wrong: the cumulative amount of fun being had in **Allston** at any given moment is at least thrice that of Cambridge. Unwind by a former GSAS student. Don’t miss **Silhouette Lounge** (200 Brighton Ave.) and challenge a buddy to throw a dart without hitting a tattoo.

And did you know that northeastern metropolis **Boston** is just across the river from Cambridge? Your Harvard ID gets you a free ride on the M2 shuttle to the Back Bay, where you can stroll down posh Newbury Street on your way toward Boston Common and downtown. Don’t go a year without sampling the neighborhood charms of Chinatown, the North End, the South End, and South Boston — an old Irish enclave with a gorgeous new waterfront.

**Nicholas Nardini and Lulu Liu are both PhD students at GSAS.**
Learning to Fail (a Little)

THE SURPRISING TRUTH ABOUT SUCCEEDING AT HARVARD
BY Dahianna Lopez

The faster you realize that you were chosen to come to Harvard for a reason, the more you will relax and become better able to learn. It took me a whole semester to get over the “imposter syndrome.” I kept asking myself, “Why am I here? Why me? Do I have what it takes to cut it? What if I fooled them on paper?” I was so concerned about this, that I didn’t sit back and just enjoy the ride. I didn’t smell the roses, making it impossible to learn because I was stressing out so much. In fact, in a self-fulfilling prophecy, I failed my first exam in microeconomics. I cried for days. Luckily, the professor (who was also my advisor and boss — oh no, how embarrassing!!) reassured me that it would be ok and that I just needed a little tweaking in my study habits. He also reminded me that Harvard’s been in the business of picking the best and brightest for a long time and that they know what they are looking for.

And he was right. I stopped worrying about failing and started focusing my energy on studying hard and going to office hours. In the end, I earned a B. During my second semester, I rolled with the punches. Some wins, some losses. But I survived. I learned. And most importantly, I realized that I belonged — that I am an integral part of the Harvard family.

So, the best thing I can suggest is this: go into this knowing you will get your butt kicked by your courses. But that is a great thing. If it were easy, everyone would get a degree from here. It would be a disappointment if you got here and didn’t feel challenged.

The hardest part was getting in. Now you’re here, and an entire team of people — from professors to mentors to classmates — will not let you fail. But most importantly, you will not let yourself fail. You never have.

Dahianna Lopez is a PhD candidate in health policy

Wise Words:
Take risks. It may mean that you fail sometimes, but that’s okay. You learn the most when you fail, and learning how to deal with failure is probably more important than learning how to deal with success.”
—Sheila Thomas, assistant dean for diversity and minority affairs

Graduate school will be a series of professional highs and lows. One week, you’ll get your submission rejected from a journal, run a terrible discussion section, and slip on a banana peel. The next week, you’ll have a breakthrough on your dissertation, read a fantastic paper by one of your students, and get a paper accepted by a prestigious conference somewhere tropical. If you’re in one of the rough periods, remember that morale-raising things are probably around the corner.”
—Liz Maynes-Aminzade, PhD candidate, English

Be prepared to experience failure. In many ways graduate school at Harvard is an exercise in extremes: the most advanced courses, taught by the most distinguished faculty, to a group of the most talented students, in preparation for solving the most challenging unmet research problems. Somewhere along the way, your aims are going to exceed your grasp and you will fail. This is a good thing. This is how you learn more about the problem you are studying and the current, hope-fully temporary, limits of your own abilities. In most cases, failure is a necessary prerequisite to success.
—Allen Aloise, PhD ’04, director of laboratories, co-director of graduate studies, chemistry and chemical biology

A Source of Support at GSAS

Welcome to graduate school, and welcome to Harvard. As you move through your degree, you will grow in many ways, both academically and personally, and you will confront challenges that will test you in various ways.

When you need help with any academic or personal problem, however big or small, I am available to talk. I serve in an advisory role, provide support, and make referrals to other sources of assistance, as necessary. Conversations with me are confidential. I invite you to make an appointment to talk.

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More words of wisdom: www.gsas.harvard.edu/advice
Welcome to Dudley House, now entering its 22nd year as the graduate student center at GSAS. Dudley House offers dozens of intellectual, social, and professional events every year — planned by GSAS students for GSAS students. ◆ We invite you to get to know Dudley at these early-fall events, arranged by program area. Is there a specific area you’re interested in? Subscribe to Dudley’s program-specific email lists at www.dudley.harvard.edu. ◆ In each edition of the GSAS Bulletin, we’ll present a sampling of that month’s offerings. For a fuller list, visit www.gsas.harvard.edu/dudleythismonth.

Social Events
♦ Welcome to Fabulous Dudleywood!
A Discover Dudley Party
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 7 P.M.—MIDNIGHT,

♦ Get Your Grill On, 2013
The Official GSAS Cookout
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1–4 P.M.
(rain or shine), 36 Oxford Street
(Harvard Museum of Natural History lawn). Bring your best friends, family, and strangers to laze about on a Saturday afternoon; we’ll provide the food. Burgers, hot dogs, vegetarian fare, and cold drinks will abound. State-issued ID for alcohol.

Music
♦ Sing, Play, Keep the Beat
Dudley House is home to four active, high-caliber music ensembles, and we welcome your participation and attendance at our events!

♦ Jazz Band: Sarah Politz
(spolitz@fas.harvard.edu)

♦ Orchestra: Aaron Kuan
(akuan@seas.harvard.edu)

♦ World Music Ensemble:
Peter McMurray
(memurray@fas.harvard.edu)

♦ Choir: James Blasina
(jblasina@fas.harvard.edu)

♦ Dudley Jazz Band (and Jazz Combo) rehearsals:
Tuesdays, 6–10 p.m., Common Room
Rehearsals begin September 3

♦ Dudley Orchestra rehearsals:
Sundays, 6:30 p.m., Main Dining Hall
Rehearsals begin September 8

Upcoming events:
♦ Sports Pub
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 8–9:30 P.M.,
Dudley House game room. Learn about our programs and sign up for fall intramural teams. Food and drink provided.

♦ Bike Ride to Walden Pond
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 10 A.M.
(tentative, watch for confirmation by e-mail). Join our annual ride along the Minuteman Trail to Walden Pond in Concord.

Public Service
♦ Public Service Fair
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 6–7 P.M.,
Dudley House Common Room. Enjoy an ice-cream sundae and learn about volunteer options that suit your interests and schedule! Representatives from community organizations will be present with information about tutoring opportunities, elderly visits, shelter volunteering, environmental awareness, and many other service arenas.

Athletics
The Dudley Athletics program connects you to intramural sports and special recreational events, including bike rides, hikes, and other activities. We also host viewing parties for major athletic events, and our game room has a large-screen TV and tables for pool, table tennis, and air hockey. See dudley.harvard.edu/athletics for details.

♦ A New Academic Year
Contact Stephanie Sobek at dudley.intellectual@gmail.com

Outings
♦ Visit Ipswich, Massachusetts!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, MEET ON THE FRONT STEPS OF DUDLEY HOUSE. We’ll travel to North Station together and take a train to Ipswich, a spectacular port town with well-preserved early-17th-century quarters. We will visit Ipswich Museum and wander the picturesque streets. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a taste of the early history of Massachusetts. Bring $10 for museum entrance fee plus train fare and lunch or lunch money. Contact dudley.intellectual@gmail.com.

Classic Films
♦ Royal Visits at Dudley in September
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 6:30 P.M.
The King’s Speech (2010). The last King George in England (George VI) inspires the new Royal Baby George — and the rest of us.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6:30 P.M.
The Princess Bride (1987). “Inconceivable!” “As you wish!” “My name is Inigo Montoya …” All those classic lines, plus a visit to the fire swamp, screaming eels, and (sigh) Dread Pirate Roberts and Buttercup. What a great movie!

Don’t Miss!
OUR DUDLEY HOUSE PICKS OF THE MONTH. FOR MORE EVENTS, OUTINGS, AND GATHERINGS, GO TO WWW.DUDLEY.HARVARD.EDU.
GSAS Welcomes
ORIENTATION + DUDLEYFEST, AUGUST 28, 2013

Welcoming Speeches
10:30 A.M. | SANDERS THEATRE

Margot Gill
ADMINISTRATIVE DEAN (MODERATOR)
Drew Gilpin Faust
PRESIDENT OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Michael Smith
DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Xiao-Li Meng
DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
James Hogle
MASTER OF DUDLEY HOUSE
Christopher Brown
DUDLEY FELLOW
Summer Shafer
PRESIDENT OF THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL
Garth McCavana
DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

Lunch
11:30 A.M. | SCIENCE CENTER PLAZA

Join faculty, department administrators, and colleagues for lunch under the tent on the Science Center plaza. See your orientation folder for seating chart.

DudleyFest
12:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M. | DUDLEY HOUSE

Information fair including: Offices serving GSAS students (athletics, careers, parking, etc.), student organizations, Dudley House fellows and activities, free food and raffle drawings, distribution of stipend checks

ID Cards and Photos
Boylston Hall

Distribution of Stipend Checks
Graduate Student Lounge, 2nd floor, Dudley House

Workshops
Harvard Libraries
Common Room, 2nd Floor, Dudley House
1 p.m.-2 p.m., 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Student Survival Guide:
Getting to Know Harvard, Cambridge, and Beyond
Offered by student leaders
Fireside Room, 1st Floor, Dudley House
1 p.m.-2 p.m., 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Staying Fit and Healthy at Harvard
Offered by the Dudley Athletic Fellows
Game Room, 3rd floor, Dudley House
1 p.m.-2 p.m., 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
**DUDLEYFEST TO-DO LIST**

**AUGUST 28, 2013**

- **Pick up ID or have ID photo taken**
  (Boylston Hall for G1s, Dudley House Private Dining Room for Special Students and Visiting Fellows)

- **Learn about and join student groups**
  (Dudley House Courtyard)

- **Get free food**
  (Dudley House Courtyard)

- **Win free stuff**
  Enter the Dudley House raffle! (Dudley House Lobby)

- **Brush up at workshops offered by the Libraries, student leaders, and Dudley Fellows**

- **G1s: Be sure to pick up your stipend check**
  (Dudley House Graduate Student Lounge, 2nd floor)

- **Special students and visiting fellows:**
  Ask questions about billing, registration, your visa, health insurance, and more at the Special Students and Visiting Fellows table (Dudley House Private Dining Room, 1st floor)

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**About ID Photos**

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<td>Are a Special Student or Visiting Fellow</td>
<td>Go to the Dudley House Private Dining Room; if your ID is not ready, then go to Fong Auditorium in Boylston Hall to have your photo taken.</td>
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**Note:** to obtain a GSAS ID, all students will need a government-issued photo ID.

**Questions?**
Stop by the Info Table at DudleyFest (at the foot of the Dudley House stairs)!

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**Haven’t registered yet?**
Computer terminals are available in the Dudley House Dining Room. Go to my.harvard.edu and click on “campus resources”

**Study cards!**
Study cards must be submitted in person at Dudley House between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on September 10

**Email trouble?**
See Computer Services in the Dudley Dining Hall or visit the help desk in the basement of the Science Center

**If your registration has been blocked you may need to:**

- **Visit Financial Aid**
  (Dudley House Graduate Student Lounge)

- **Visit the Admissions Office**
  (Holyoke Center 350)

- **Visit the International Office**
  (Dudley House Main Dining Room)

- **Visit Harvard University Health Services**
  (75 Mount Auburn Street)
GSAS Welcomes

ORIENTATION + DUDLEYFEST LOCATIONS, AUGUST 28, 2013

1 Orientation
Sanders Theatre, Memorial Hall

2 Lunch
Science Center Plaza

3 DudleyFest
(Information Fair, Workshops, Stipend Checks)
Dudley House

4 ID cards and photos
Boylston Hall
Funding Your Work

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.gsat.harvard.edu/fellowships. You can make an appointment to receive advice on how to write a winning proposal by calling the GSAS Office of Fellowships and its director, Cynthia Verba, at 617-495-1814.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships
Application deadline is in early November.
Web: www.nsfgrfp.org

Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships
Application deadline is early to mid-November.
Web: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/index.htm

US Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS)
Application deadline is anticipated to be in mid-December.
Web: www.gsat.harvard.edu/current_students/graduate_flas.php

The Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship Program
Application deadline is around October 30.
Web: www.hertzfoundation.org/dx/fellowships/fellowshipaward.aspx

The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG)
Application deadline is anticipated to be in mid-December.
Web: http://ndseg.asee.org

American Association of University Women (AAUW) International Fellowships
Application deadline is anticipated to be around the December 1.
Web: www.aauw.org/learn/fellows_directory/international.cfm

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships For New Americans
Application deadline is around November 1.
Web: www.pdsoros.org/competition/

The GSC — Representing Your Interests!

The Harvard Graduate Student Council (GSC) represents the graduate students of GSAS. We hold monthly meetings among elected departmental representatives and other student attendees in order to sustain an ongoing dialogue about the unique challenges graduate students face at Harvard. By coming together, the voice of graduate students grows louder.

We also award grants to students for travel and research, sponsor GSAS student organizations, and host events throughout the year on topics of concern to graduate students — from professional development to crisis management.

We highly encourage and look forward to your involvement, which begins on the departmental level!

Learn more: www.gsc.fas.harvard.edu

Early-Term Calendar

Thursday, August 29
Special Students and Visiting Fellows Reception
5-7 p.m., Faculty Club Reading Room

Friday, August 30
Discover Dudley
7 p.m.–midnight, Dudley House
Get to know your graduate student center at this always-popular opening-of-the-year party.

Tuesday, September 3
First day of classes (following a MONDAY schedule)

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

Thursday, September 5
22nd Annual Minority Student Kickoff Reception and Dinner
5:30–8:30 p.m., Fire & Ice, 50 Church Street
RSVP to sparsons@fas.harvard.edu.

Saturday, September 7
GSAS Cookout
1-4 p.m., University Museum Lawn, Oxford Street

Tuesday, September 10
Dessert Welcome Party in the Rez Halls
7:30 p.m., GSAS Residence Halls

Study Card Day
Final study cards for GSAS and special students for the fall term are due in Dudley House between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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

Monday, October 14
Columbus Day: a holiday

Monday, October 21
Last day to register for or add courses for the term. After this date students may add or register for TIME only.

Last day for graduate students to add or change SAT/UNS grading option for designated language courses. After this date a petition to add must be submitted to the GSAS Student Affairs office.

Tuesday, October 29
Last day to drop a course. After this date a petition to withdraw must be submitted to the GSAS Student Affairs office.
The Career-Minded Grad Student

IT’S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Graduate school is about developing your intellectual interests and finding the essential research questions you want to answer. But these years are also about planning your career — and the earlier you begin to trace connections between those two pursuits, the more productive your graduate experience will be.

That’s the advice of the GSAS counselors at the Office of Career Services, a Faculty of Arts and Sciences team that works to educate, connect, and advise students about career opportunities and professional development.

In the words of former GSAS dean Allan Brandt, “Intellectual and professional development are fundamentally intertwined.” You can’t build a meaningful life as a scholar, thinker, or leader without knowing how to write a fellowship proposal, how to compose a CV, how to network, how to gain mentors, how to communicate, or how to prepare for an interview or job talk.

OCS is a portal to all of that. Its counselors work with students from all GSAS departments and offer services and resources tailored specifically to the needs of graduate students, whether your career plans lie within or outside of academia.

Visit ocs.fas.harvard.edu and click “Students” to find a host of GSAS resources.

› Subscribe to the GSAS Academic Career Listserv and/or the GSAS Nonacademic listserv for relevant career events and announcements.

› And plan to attend these fall career events, which are perfect for students in the early stages of graduate study. Visit the website to register.

Etiquette 101: Manners, Meals, and Mastering Conversation Thursday, September 5, 4 p.m. Lamont Library Forum Room

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Big Data, Technology & Engineering Career Fair Friday, October 4, 2–5 p.m. SOCH, 59 Shepard Street

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