Graduate Student Orientation
Welcome to Rice!

August 17, 2016
Brown Hall School of Music (this morning’s session)
Graduate Student Association (GSA)

Visit “How to get Involved @ Rice” Panel Today!
Welcome

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) comprises degree seeking graduate students at Rice University. The GSA mission is to enrich the graduate student experience and to represent, support, and promote graduate student interests and values. An integral and essential part of the Rice community, the GSA provides programs and services aiding in recruitment and retention of graduate students, represents graduate student interests to the University administration, and builds a strong sense of community both on and off campus.

The 2016-2017 GSA Executive board has made Wellbeing, Inclusion, and Advocacy the goal for improving graduate student life.

- **Wellbeing** – we are striving to create better programming and services to meet the wellbeing needs of graduate students and the unique challenges we face as we pursue our degrees. We hope to see the implementation of improved wellbeing and family services, as well as professional development programming to reduce
Follow GSA on social media

Look for the GSA Snapchat filter today!
Student Center @ RMC

studentcenter.rice.edu
Social Media: @studentcent
Fondren Library

24 hour access

Center for Written, Oral, and Visual Communication (CWOVC)

Librarians available for each department
Rice Police

Get your Rice ID card

Keep RUPD number in your phone
(713) 348-6000
Recreation Center

Visit the Wellness @ Rice Info Panel today!
Post Office
Sick visits, preventative care, vaccinations, tests, etc

health.rice.edu
Dining On Campus

@Sammy’s Coffeehouse
Willy’s Pub
Ambassador Café
RechargeU
The Hoot
Brochstein Pavilion
Food Trucks
Valhalla
Cohen House
Hollywood Café
Bike rentals, bike & bike accessory sales, repairs, social rides

Register bikes with RUPD online
Track shuttles live
Bus.rice.edu

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Registration, parking, account info, emergency alerts, etc.
Afternoon Schedule

- **1:30 – 5:00 pm**: Refreshments + Socializing (RMC and Grad Commons)
- **1:45 – 4:30 pm**: Graduate Student Panels
- **3:00 – 5:00 pm**: Scavenger Hunt
- **5:00 – 8:00 pm**: Activities Fair & Orientation Picnic
**GSA Information Panels from 1:45-4:30 pm**

**More questions? Ask your peers and experts!**

Grab refreshments and meet current grad students at the coffee break between panels in Farnsworth Pavilion and Graduate Student Commons from 1:30-5 pm.

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**First Year Success:** Fellow grad students share how to survive your first year, pick an advisor, apply for fellowships, and make the most of your grad student experience.

**Mastering Grad School:** The master’s student experience at Rice! Talk to fellow masters students about balancing classes, research projects, and preparing for life after graduation.

**Getting Involved @ Rice:** Learn about Rice’s vibrant community, cultural organizations, volunteering opportunities, intramural sports, and more!

**Wellness @ Rice:** The Wellness Center, Recreation Center, and Women’s Center discuss living a well-balanced life while caring for your physical and mental well-being in grad school.

**Professional Development Resources:** Learn about services the Center for Career Development, Center for Written, Oral, and Visual Communication, and Center for Teaching Excellence provide for graduate students.

**Exploring Houston:** Where to live, to eat, to go on a wild Friday night, a lazy Saturday afternoon, or even a long weekend getaway!

*Please refer to your Student Center map in your orientation packet for room locations.*
Campus Scavenger Hunt

• Text “join GSA16” to (650) 282-5837 after 3 pm
• Complete individually or in groups up to 10
• Lots of free swag along the way and for completing
• Completing enters you and/or group into a drawing for a Coffeehouse giftcard or Valhalla tab!
Photo Contest!

Post orientation pics to GSA Facebook group or Instagram with #RiceGSA

Best 3 photos win a Rice Coffeehouse gift card!