

*The Graduate School*

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Dear New Doctoral Student and/or Teaching Assistant:

Congratulations on your admission to the Graduate School at Stony Brook. I am pleased that you will be joining us in the upcoming 2009–2010 academic year. In preparation for your arrival, we have scheduled the 2009 New Graduate Student Orientation. **Please note that all new graduate students are REQUIRED to attend the orientation.** Orientation is also mandatory for new graduate students who completed their undergraduate studies at Stony Brook University. Orientation brings together representatives from the offices and functions that will be most important to your new roles and responsibilities as a graduate student at Stony Brook.

In response to feedback received in recent years, we have streamlined the schedule so that the Graduate School's university-wide orientation activities for all new students take place in just one day. We hope this allows you more time to get settled into your new life here at Stony Brook. The date, time, and location for the sessions are listed below:

**Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2009**

**General Orientation**

**Time: 9:00 A.M.–12:15 P.M.**

**Location: Stony Brook West Campus, exact locations TBA**

**Teaching Assistant Orientation** (required for all new doctoral students)

**Time: 1:30 P.M.–5:00 P.M.**

**Location: Stony Brook West Campus, exact locations TBA**

*Lunch and a services exhibition will be available between the morning and afternoon sessions from 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M., and an informal reception will immediately follow the day's proceedings from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.*

These orientations are designed to familiarize you with Stony Brook's campus and operations. The morning presentations are being planned to give you an overview of the various student services available to you as a supported graduate student. The afternoon presentations will introduce you to your rights and responsibilities as a teacher at Stony Brook.

We will contact you again in early August to provide you with a finalized agenda and exact locations, including venue descriptions and parking instructions. In the meantime, look for periodic updates at the orientation website: <http://www.grad.sunysb.edu/students/fall2009orientation.shtml>. If you will be at a different address in August, please send your new address by e-mail to [graduate\\_orientation@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:graduate_orientation@notes.cc.sunysb.edu).

You should expect to attend a departmental orientation in addition to the general orientation that the Graduate School is hosting. Most programs are planning to hold this session on Monday or Tuesday, August 25 or 26, when you will have the opportunity to meet the faculty, staff, and other students in your department and to receive program-specific information. Inquiries regarding your department's orientation should be directed to your Graduate Program Director or Coordinator. A list of departmental contacts may be found through the Academics link on the Graduate School website: <http://www.grad.stonybrook.edu>.

We look forward to seeing you in August. If you have any questions about orientation, please don't hesitate to call the Graduate School at (631) 632-1947.

Sincerely,

Lawrence B. Martin  
Dean of the Graduate School