

**Department of Geography and Planning
GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28th

5 – 6:30 PM	<p><u>School of Graduate Studies Webinar: Community, Getting Involved, Campus Resources and Academic Success</u> ONLINE (not recorded) Learn effective strategies for academic success, hear about grad life supports and programs available and learn how to get involved in campus activities to have a better graduate experience. For more SGS Orientation activities, please check https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/orientation/</p>
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 29th

2-5 PM	<p>School of Graduate Studies Orientation Convocation Hall To Register, please go to https://sgs.eve.utoronto.ca/home/events/4617</p>
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

10-11AM AND 1- 2 PM	<p>Departmental Coffee Hours and Space Tours Departing: Sidney Smith 5026, 5th Floor Lounge Tours will include key spaces that you will be using during your time in the Department of Geography and Planning. This includes office, meeting spaces, studios, labs, and other key spaces. <i>Coffee and snacks provided!</i></p>
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PROGRAM SESSIONS AND FACULTY INTRODUCTIONS
Note: Attendance is highly recommended

3-4 PM	<p>Understanding your Funding Package (Attending: students in funded cohort) Ramadhani Poona, Graduate Advisor Sarah Wakefield, Graduate Chair O.I.S.E., Room 5160</p>	<p>Meet the Planning Director and Concentration Advisors Q's and A's Session Kanishka Goonewardena, Planning Director & Concentration Advisors O.I.S.E., Room 8170</p>
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4-5 PM	<p>MA & PhD Program and Faculty Introduction O.I.S.E., Room 5160 M. Hunter (Attending: Faculty, Incoming Human Geography students)</p>	<p>MSc & PhD Program and Faculty Introduction O.I.S.E., Room 5240 T.Duval (Attending: Faculty, Incoming Physical Geography students)</p>	<p>MScPI & PhD Program and Faculty Introduction O.I.S.E., Room 8170, K. Goonewardena, PAC Rep (Attending: Faculty, Incoming Planning students)</p>
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5-7 PM	<p>Department Welcome Reception for Incoming Graduate Students Faculty Club Patio 41 Willcocks St. (Attending: Faculty, incoming students)</p>
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

12-3 PM	<p>Coffee w/ the Graduate Geography and Planning Students Society (GGAPSS) - Theme: Games and Crafts! Sidney Smith Room 5026, Student Lounge (Attending: All students, GGAPSS reps)</p>
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5 PM onwards	<p>Picnic in Bickford Park Bickford Park, North End of Bickford Park at Bloor and Grace (Attending: all students, faculty welcome, GGAPSS reps)</p>
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th	
3-4 PM	<p>Meet the Staff Sidney Smith Room 5026 (Geography Lounge) (Attending: Department Staff, Chairs/Associate Chairs, incoming students) <i>Coffee and cookies provided!</i></p>
4-5 PM	<p>Get to know your Services and Supports Sidney Smith Room 5017A and 5016G Shain Abdulla, Health Plan Administrator-Graduate Students' Union Sezgi Ozel, Team Lead-Accessibility Services Allan McKee, Health & Wellness Aziza Kajan, Director of Centre for Graduate Mentorship and Supervision (Attending: Incoming students)</p>
5 PM onwards	<p>Pizza & Pub Night GSU Pub (Attending: Incoming students, GGAPSS reps, cohort reps)</p>
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th	
10-12 PM	<p>Workshop on Grants for Graduate Students (SSHRC) Location TBA (Facilitator: Daniel Newman, Director of Graduate Writing Support in the Faculty of Arts and Science)</p>
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th	
12-3 PM	<p>Coffee w/ GGAPSS - Theme: Funding! (NSERC/OGS/SSHRC) Location: Sidney Smith Room 5026, Student Lounge (Attending: Incoming students, GGAPSS reps)</p>
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th	
12-2 PM	<p>UTM Graduate Student Orientation University of Toronto Mississauga Department of Geography Geomatics and Environment, DV 3130</p>
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th	
6-9 PM	<p>Planning Mixer The Duke of York Pub, 39 Prince Arthur Avenue (Attending: MScPI students, Planning Alumni Committee)</p>
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th	
5:30-7:30PM	<p>Kensington Market & Chinatown Food Tour (tour ending at Sidney Smith) Meet at Fresca Pizza and Pasta (302 College St, Toronto, ON M5T 1R9). (Attending: Incoming students welcome; led by Mike Lawler, PhD Candidate)</p>
7-9:30 PM	<p>Geopardy! and Snacks Sidney Smith Room 5017A (Attending: All Welcome)</p>
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th	
3-4:30 PM	<p>PD Workshop #1, 'How to get the most out of first year?' Location: Sidney Smith Room 5017A (Attending: First year research stream students only)</p>

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5-8 PM	<p>Tri-Campus Graduate Geography and Planning Social Trinity College, Seeley Hall 6 Hoskin Ave, Toronto, ON M5S 1H8 (All faculty, staff and graduate students)</p> <p>RSVP required by September 10 using this form. Join us for an evening of great conversation, delicious food, and refreshing beverages as we welcome our incoming 2024-2025 Graduate Students and Faculty! This is a fantastic opportunity to meet faculty, fellow students, and staff from across our tri-campus Geography Departments.</p> <div data-bbox="395 488 837 846"></div> <div data-bbox="849 488 1412 846"></div>
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1	
3-5 PM	<p>GGAPSS General Election Location TBA (All students, GGAPSS Executive)</p>

Check your @mail.utoronto.ca email accounts for updates and changes! There are all kinds of events going on across campus. Keep an eye out for the Gradlife emails, and the GSU Digest forwarded by our GSU