

# New Graduate Student Checklist 2020

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*I've accepted my offer, what should I do first?*

**Review the OISE and School of Graduate Studies (SGS) New Student information pages:**

- OISE: [Newly Admitted Students](#)
- School of Graduate Studies: [First Steps for New Students](#)

**NOTE** – OISE is a large graduate faculty. Unlike most 'graduate units' (which is SGS lingo for an academic department), OISE has its own Office of the Registrar & Student Services (ORSS). While most graduate students at U of T will go to SGS for their student services, OISE students should first consult OISE services, such as the ORSS. With this in mind, when navigating the U of T graduate landscape, we recommend starting with OISE material first and then proceeding to SGS as a secondary step.

**Learn University of Toronto terms and acronyms!**

- QUERCUS/Canvas = U of T's current online learning portal
- ACORN = Accessible Campus Online Resource Network, your online student services website
- The ORSS = OISE's Office of the Registrar and Student Services, 8th floor of the OISE building
- SGS = School of Graduate Studies, 63 St. George Street
- LHAE = Leadership, Higher and Adult Education
- AECD = Adult Education and Community Development
- ELP = Educational Leadership and Policy
- HE = Higher Education

**Clear your admission conditions**

- Details on how to satisfy or clear admissions conditions can be found on the [Office of The Registrar and Student Services](#) website
- Documents should be submitted at the latest by the end of your first session, but it is advisable to do it as soon as you decide to accept your offer of admission

**Familiarize yourself with the Sessional Dates for 2019-2020**

- A list of [Important Dates](#) for the 2020-2021 Session can be found on the Office of the Registrar and Student Services webpage

**International Students: Arrange for a Study Permit or entry visa**

- Visit the [OISE Newly Admitted International Student website](#)
- The University of Toronto [Centre for International Experience](#) can provide information and help as well
- Learn about how to [pay your fees outside of Canada](#)

### **Arrange for housing in Toronto**

- The University of Toronto [Housing Office](#) and [Off Campus Housing](#) website can help!
- The University of Toronto also offers [Graduate Student-only](#) housing and [Student Family Housing](#)

### **Review the [OISE Bulletin](#) and the [SGS Calendar](#)**

- The OISE Bulletin contains OISE specific information, including course descriptions of all OISE courses for the past 5 years. Note that not all the courses are available every year. The SGS Calendar contains authoritative information on your program requirements so be sure to familiarize yourself with those and plan courses accordingly.

### **Meet your Faculty Advisor**

- All students are assigned a Faculty Advisor upon admission and identified on your offer letter. Their contact information can be found [here](#).
- Your Faculty Advisor helps the student with planning course selection and academic issues associated with the program
- If you are in a thesis program, your Faculty Advisor may or may not become your Thesis Supervisor; to learn about the difference please see the [LHAE Student Handbook](#).

### **Learn how to use ACORN, the University of Toronto's online student services system for adding and dropping courses, viewing your fee invoice, deferring your fee payments, etc.**

- Learn how to access your student account [here](#)
- For a step by step guide to using ACORN, refer to [this help page](#)

### **Learn about Academic Integrity at U of T**

- Information on Academic Integrity, Ethics and Conduct Policies can be found [here](#)

### **Familiarize yourself with U of T's Health and Dental insurance**

- For domestic students, find information about your extended health and dental plan [here](#). TIP: Students with existing coverage may be eligible to opt-out. See above link for more info.
- For international students, find information about your health insurance plan [here](#)

### **Engage with the LHAE Departmental Student Association (DSA) and the OISE Grad Student Association (GSA):**

- The DSA can be contacted at: [haestudents@gmail.com](mailto:haestudents@gmail.com)
  - Higher Ed Students – check out the [Student Affairs Society](#)
  - Adult Ed Students – check out the Students On Seven (SOS) at: [studentsonseven.oise@gmail.com](mailto:studentsonseven.oise@gmail.com)
  - Connect with the GSA via [Twitter](#)