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Dear New Graduate Students,

On behalf of the Graduate School, I welcome you to Virginia Tech! I am sharing with you some resources that can help you prepare for your upcoming enrollment in graduate school.

- Check the [VT Ready website](#) periodically for new information regarding university procedures in response to the pandemic.
- New student orientation will be on Friday, August 20, 9:00-10:30 conducted virtually by Zoom. We regret that we are unable to offer orientation in person in the Graduate Life Center, which is temporarily closed due to a recent flood. Our program includes synchronous (live) virtual elements as well as videos that you can view online at your convenience. For those of you who would like to meet new and returning students and Graduate School staff in person, we will be hosting a watch party in Owens Banquet Hall with light refreshments, followed by a social hour (10:30-11:30). Please complete this registration form to let us know whether you plan to attend in person or by Zoom. If you have already registered for orientation before July 25, please complete the registration again to indicate your preference of in person or virtual participation. Learn more about [this program and other related activities](#) and register online.
- Our online [New Student Guide](#) provides information and links to help you get started as a student: set up your PID, submit your health history form and immunization records, register for classes after August 2, pay your tuition bill, and more.
 - If you registered for fall classes earlier in the spring, your tuition bill will be due in early August.
 - If you register during the fall drop-add period of August 2-27, you will be billed in August with a later payment deadline.
- We are offering a [series of programs and activities](#) that may connect you with people and resources on campus to make your transition smoother and your graduate student life easier.
- A variety of [policies and standards](#) govern academic activities and student life. We recommend that you learn about these before you begin your studies and refer to these expectations throughout your career as a graduate student. Please pay special attention to the standards described in the Graduate Honor System constitution about academic integrity, and to the roles and responsibilities of students, faculty and the Graduate School described in the Expectations for Graduate Education document.
- Follow [weekly announcements about events, opportunities and services](#) tailored for graduate students at and on our [GLC Facebook page](#). All graduate students are added to our weekly listserv after the last day to register for classes for the semester.

Please contact us at grads@vt.edu or call us at 540-231-9561 if you have any questions. If you have decided not to attend Virginia Tech, please complete the Offer of Admission Reply form in your application student portal page to indicate that you will not attend, and we will update your record accordingly.

We look forward to meeting you in person or virtually within a few weeks! In the meantime, please let us know if you have questions or concerns.