Graduate Resource and Policy Orientation | Office of Graduate Studies  
*September 5, 2014| 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts, Olin Hall and Boettcher West*

**AGENDA**

General Session: June Swaner Gates Concert Hall, Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts

12:30 – 12:50 p.m. Check-in

1:00 – 1:10 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks  
*Chancellor Rebecca Chopp*  
*Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Gregg Kvistad*

1:10 – 1:15 p.m. Office of Graduate Studies  
*Associate Provost for Graduate Studies Barbara Wilcots*

1:15 – 1:35 p.m. Graduate Policies and Procedures

1:35 – 1:55 p.m. Campus Resource Panel  
*Campus Safety*  
*Disability Services Program*  
*Learning Effectiveness Program*  
*Health and Counseling Center*  
*Graduate Career Services*  
*The Writing Center*  
*Research Center/University Libraries*  
*Center for Multicultural Excellence*

Break-out Sessions: Gates Concert Hall, Olin Hall, and Boettcher West

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Break-out Session 1

3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Break-out Session 2

Resource Fair: Boettcher Green

2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Graduate Student Resource Fair

Tours

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Campus Tour: *Please meet for the campus tour at the Office of Graduate Studies’ table.*

3:45 – 4:30 p.m. Anderson Academic Commons Tour: *Please meet for the tour at the Lending Desk in the Anderson Academic Commons.*
BREAK-OUT SESSION OPTIONS

• **Financial Aid/Bursar’s Office**
  *Making sense of student loans and financial aid?* A frank discussion about borrowing and the long term cost of financing your education. We’ll cover the total cost of your student loans, the disbursement/refund process, loan repayment and forgiveness options, and the services provided by the Office of the Bursar and Financial Aid.

• **International Student Scholar Services**
  *What can I do to be Active Member of a Global Campus Community? DU brings the world to you!* With over 1400 international students from more than 85 countries, DU’s campus is a wonderful place to get to know people and cultures from around the world. Come learn about ways to get involved at DU to have an international experience right here in Denver. Marlene Arnold, Senior International Student Advisor from International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS), will share opportunities for students to become engaged in the international arena on campus. This session will include suggestions of activities, questions and answers, and a chance to meet DU students who are also interested in other countries and cultures.

• **Graduate Career Services**
  *Jumpstart Your Career:* Did you know that 60-80% of people get jobs through networking? And that 30 million professionals use LinkedIn, where industry resources and job opportunities are exchanged? Mastering job search best practices early-on in your program can drastically increase your chances of securing employment by graduation. Come and learn how to take advantage of Career Services at DU through a comprehensive Q&A session with DU Career Advisor Lindsey Day. Topics range from the power of networking to resume and cover letter writing, as well as how to stay on top of the career resources available to graduate students at DU.

• **Center for Multicultural Excellence**
  *IE and Me: Engaging Inclusive Excellence at DU:* 2 of DU's 5 core values combine into the framework of Inclusive Excellence (IE). This session will introduce what IE is, why it's important for your studies, career and life in general, and how you can engage it during your time at DU. Join DU’s Center for Multicultural Excellence for a primer on this change-making and marketable experience.

• **Writing Center**
  *Tackling Big Writing Projects Before They Tackle You:* Writing is an inevitable part of graduate school, and as a graduate student, sooner or later you’ll be faced with a big writing project: a business plan, a research proposal, a thesis. Take some time to refresh your knowledge of some basic principles for approaching big projects. This brief session will offer specific strategies for planning, developing an effective writing process, and working with others to produce your best work.

• **Research Center**
  *Research Like a Pro: Graduate Research Tips from the University Libraries’ Research Center* Thousands of graduate students have taken advantage of free, one-on-one Research Center consultations to become more efficient and effective researchers. 99% of them say they would recommend a consultation to a friend or classmate. Take some time to refresh your knowledge of some basic principles for approaching big projects. This session is guaranteed to save you time and get you off to a great start on your papers and projects.
Health and Counseling Center

*Supporting Success Through Wellness:* Ernest Boyer, a noted educator, stated that “people can’t be academically successful if they are physically or mentally unwell.” Come hear from professionals from the Health and Counseling Center (HCC) and learn about the link between student wellbeing and academic success. We’ll share information about the on-campus resources available to help support you. We’ll provide an overview of the services available through the HCC as well as your options for covering the costs of your health care while attending DU.

Doctoral Research

*Successful Scholarly Inquiry:* The goal of doctoral programs is to train students in the methods, tools, and techniques of scholarly inquiry in the chosen field. Typically, this involves conducting an ambitious research project and/or developing innovative creative works, and publishing articles and books about them. While the goal might be clear, the path to get there often is not. In this breakout session we will discuss, at a high level, some strategies for starting out on the right foot in your doctoral program. While every program has a different emphasis, we will try to discuss general approaches to completing coursework, finding a research advisor/mentor, balancing coursework and creative work, and focusing in on a suitable dissertation topic.

Center for Sustainability

*Sustainability: You are the Agent of Change!*
Come learn how you can live a richer, healthier, more productive life while helping DU improve our sustainability efforts. Learn about the many sustainability efforts on campus, including car and bike sharing, local food deliveries, campus gardens, energy conservation, reporting, student organizations, and work and internship opportunities through the Center for Sustainability.

**RESOURCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS**

- Bursar’s Office
- Campus Safety
- Center for Advocacy, Prevention, and Empowerment (CAPE)
- Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning (CCESL)
- Center for Multicultural Excellence (CME)
- Center for Sustainability
- Center for World Languages and Cultures
- Disability Services Program
- Division of Marketing and Communications
- DU Bookstore
- DU Quick Copy Center
- Graduate Career Services
- Graduate Student Government (GSG)
- Health and Counseling Center
- International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)
- Learning Effectiveness Program
- Office of Equal Opportunity
- Office of Financial Aid
- Office of Graduate Studies
- Office of Religious and Spiritual Life
- Office of Student Conduct
- Office of the Registrar
- Ombuds Office
- Pioneer Card Office
- Ritchie Center
- Sodexo
- The Writing Center
- Transportation Center
- University Libraries
- University Technology Services
- Veteran Services

*(Participants subject to change.)*