



About the Graduate Student Center

A unit in the Division of the Vice Provost for Education, the Graduate Student Center was established in 2001 to serve as a central hub for resources, activities, support, and advocacy for all graduate and professional students at Penn. Located in the heart of campus at 3615 Locust Walk, the Grad Center provides a space for students to relax, study, eat lunch, and connect with other graduate and professional students from across the university. In addition, the Center provides a range of resources and holds hundreds of events each year designed to help students gain the skills, experiences, and community they need for a truly successful graduate experience.

Programming & Activities

Graduate Life

Activities to help foster a well-rounded graduate experience, including:

Fourth Fridays @ Five
Language Chats
Weekly Meditation
Arts & Recreational Activities
Volunteer Opportunities

Academic & Intellectual

Programs to help foster success in all aspects of graduate work, including:

Publishing Workshops
Skill-based workshops
Teaching & Mentoring
Grants & Fellowships
Dissertation Boot Camp
Three Minute Thesis (3MT)

New Student Programs & Orientation

Introducing students to key resources and graduate life at Penn

Campus Tours
Housing & Insurance Webinars
Affinity Group Receptions
GTAP Canvas Course
Welcome Reception & Resource Fair

Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives

Activities and support to help promote a diverse & inclusive graduate community at Penn, including:

Fontaine Society Fellows
Penn Honors Diversity Symposium
Diversity & Inclusion Fellow
Community Impact Fund

Resources & Support

Online Resource Guide

Updated and expanded in 2019

Academic Policies & Resources
Funding & Finances
Wellness & Engagement
Campus Conduct & Safety
Population-specific resources

Student Support

We are happy to meet with individual students to discuss the following:

- work/life balance and satisfaction in graduate school
- connecting with university resources
- problem-solving while navigating their academic and professional careers
- University policies and protocol
- . . . and more

Facilities & Services

Student Lounge
Study & Meeting Rooms
Relaxation Room
Public Printing
Book Swap
Gnome's Café

Graduate Student Groups

We advise and assist university-wide graduate student groups with the following:

- University policies and protocol
- Co-sponsoring and co-promoting events
- Identifying and collaborating on shared priorities
- Support for group dynamics, conflict management, strategic planning
- . . . and more

Student Support Services Office

Weekly graduate advising hours for campus partners, including:

"Let's Talk" (CAPS)
Career Services
Penn Franklins Peer Counselors
Weingarten Learning Resources

Funding & Awards

PhD Insurance Grants
Graduation Awards
GAPSA-Provost Awards

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