

ORIENTATION

risd grad 2020



*a guide for all incoming &
returning Graduate Students*

WELCOME TO RISD!

Stay Connected

Look for a weekly email called *THE LIST* in your inbox from Caroline each Monday to learn about events, opportunities, and important dates from across campus, curated specifically for graduate students.

Follow us on @risdgraduatestudies where we feature the work of RISD graduate students and highlight upcoming events.

Join the private Facebook group, *THE BULLETIN BOARD*, a space where you can connect with current RISD graduate students to socialize, collaborate, or find resources such as housing opportunities or share a ride!

Hello from Grad Studies!

The Office of Graduate Studies is a central resource for graduate students across all programs, years and divisions. We support and foster a dynamic graduate student experience here at RISD by serving as a central hub for communications, opportunities, and programming distinctive to graduate students and their faculty.

Our office oversees things like the Graduate Commons Grants, the Conference and Exhibition Fund, the Graduate Thesis Show, Graduate Orientation, and more. We work to amplify the needs and voices of graduate students and to provide a forum for graduate students to connect and engage with each other and with the rest of the RISD community through both advocacy and co-curricular opportunities.

We welcome you to RISD with a warm smile and a commitment to being here for you to answer questions, connect you with resources and support, and make your experience here a rewarding one. While our office will be working remotely during the fall semester to aid in campus de-densification, we are here for you by email, phone, or Zoom.

Amy Horschak, *Director*
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OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RISD'S COVID RESPONSE HERE

covid.risd.edu

CHECK OUR GRADUATE STUDIES WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES HERE

graduatestudy.risd.edu

CHECK FOR WHICH OF YOUR COURSES ARE ONLINE/IN-PERSON/HYBRID

ss.risd.edu

ONLINE ORIENTATION/ IMPORTANT DATES

Welcome Events

SEPTEMBER 1

8AM OR 9PM

Grad Studies Welcome Q&A

SEPTEMBER 3

9PM

Grad Student Networking Event

SEPTEMBER 8

10AM

Convocation

SEPTEMBER 18

9PM

Virtual Grad Exchange

SEPTEMBER 24

10:30AM [& THE LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH]

Virtual Coffee Hour w/ OGS

Orientation

Orientation programs are an opportunity to connect with fellow students, explore campus resources, and settle into life at RISD whether you are on campus, off campus, or remote. This year, all orientation events will happen online: the Office of Graduate Studies has planned a number of events designed to introduce you to the graduate community and the various support systems here to help you in your academic and creative work.

New Students

Orientation is mandatory and should be completed before your program begins. There are two components: the Online Orientation, and the Title IX Harassment Training Course. Both are mandatory, so please be sure to complete both. [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Returning Students

At the start of the Fall 2020 semester, all returning students will be required to complete a mandatory re-orientation that will provide important community information regarding public health and safety during the pandemic. [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

MORE EVENTS

**TO ACCESS ALL OF THESE ONLINE EVENTS,
BE SURE TO LOGIN TO [ZOOM.RISD.EDU](https://zoom.us/join)
USING YOUR RISD CREDENTIALS!**

Upcoming Events

AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 2

Students move-in to Res Halls by appointment

SEPTEMBER 1

8am Grad Studies Welcome Q+A (schedule option 1) [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

9pm Grad Studies Welcome Q+A (schedule option 2) [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Join the Office of Graduate Studies for an overview of upcoming orientation programming and helpful resources to kick off the semester!

SEPTEMBER 2

8am Office of International Student Services Immigration Information Session [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

10am RISD Museum - Graduate Student Resource Orientation [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Explore digital and gallery resources, along with graduate student opportunities, with Public and Academic Program staff, Alexandra Poterack, and Deb Clemons. This presentation shares research basics, professional options, and ways to share creative practices.

12pm Library Orientation for Graduate Students [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Learn about the many resources the Fleet Library has to offer both remote and on-campus graduate students; this presentation will review how to access the collections and how to find the support you need in your research.

2pm Intro to CoWorks for Graduate Students [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Meet CoWorks Director David Kim and the interdisciplinary skills, tools, and training that CoWorks provides to both remote and on-campus graduate students.

SEPTEMBER 3

10am Center for Arts & Language Info Session for Graduate Students [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

The The Center for Arts & Language is a college-wide resource offering academic support and advocacy for effective and expressive communication at the many intersections of arts and language. Come meet Jen Liese, Director of A&L, and hear about the important resources and services offered to grad students, including tutoring in writing, public speaking, and visual communication, and English language support for multilingual students.

12-1:30pm Health and Wellness During Covid Panel [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

2pm Career Center Info Session for Graduate Students [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Come meet RISD Careers and find out the best ways for graduate students to engage with the career center and their services from the very beginning of your time at RISD. This session will introduce you to all of the resources and events the career center offers for graduate students, both on-campus and remote.

9pm Graduate Student Networking Event hosted by Graduate Student Community Representatives [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Grab a drink or a coffee, sit back, and join our graduate student community reps for networking and camaraderie with fellow graduate students from across all departments. Begin to make the connections that are so important to your graduate experience.

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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 4

8am Office of International Student Services: American Culture Presentation [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

10am Office of International Student Services: Employment for International Graduate Students [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

2pm Nature Lab Info Session for Graduate Students [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Join the team from the Edna Lawrence Nature Lab to learn more about this campus resource and how graduate students can access it this semester, whether you are on campus or remote. The Nature Lab's online and in-person services include the extensive natural history collection, biomaterials advice, sustainability tools, 3D scanning, GIS and photography.

SEPTEMBER 8

Academic Department Orientations throughout the day

7:30am Graduate Student Conversations with Intercultural Student Engagement (schedule option 1) [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Looking to learn more about the Office of Intercultural Student Engagement? Join us for an informal conversation on the graduate student experience and how grads can engage with ISE. All graduate students are welcome!

10am Convocation

6pm Graduate Student Conversations with Intercultural Student Engagement (schedule option 2) [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

SEPTEMBER 9

8am RISD Museum and You - A Conversation for Graduate Students [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

This session with the RISD Museum offers informal discussion about museum initiatives and projects and how graduate students can engage with the RISD Museum. Bring your observations and questions from your digital exploration of [risdmuseum.org](https://www.risd-museum.org).

7pm Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) Support Group in the time of COVID [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

SEPTEMBER 10

Classes Begin Online

SEPTEMBER 18

9pm Virtual Grad Exchange [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

A favorite graduate student gathering, the Grad Exchange is an interdisciplinary event rooted in shared conversation and discourse. The Grad Exchange happens several times a year, and features student presenters from across departments. This Grad Exchange will be online, but the community connection will still be strong!

SEPTEMBER 24

10:30am Virtual Coffee Hour with the Office of Graduate Studies [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Drop in to ask questions, connect with resources, and stay up to date about the latest happenings in the graduate community!

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**FOR A FULL ACADEMIC CALENDAR, VISIT
THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE PAGE [HERE](#).**

FALL 2020

- AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 2
Students Move-in
- SEPTEMBER 3
Quarantine Week 1
- SEPTEMBER 10
*Classes Start
[online only]*
- SEPTEMBER 10 - 16
Quarantine Week 2
- SEPTEMBER 17
*Classes Continue
[de-densified campus]*

- NOVEMBER 26/27
*Thanksgiving Break
[on campus]*
- DECEMBER 15
Semester Ends

WINTERSESSION 2021

- JANUARY 11
*Wintersession Starts
[online only]*
- JANUARY 11
*Wintersession starts
[on campus and in-person for
make-up coursework only]*
- FEBRUARY 12
Wintersession Ends

SPRING 2021

- FEBRUARY 15
Quarantine Week 1
- FEBRUARY 22
*Classes Start
[online only]*
- FEBRUARY 22 - 28
Quarantine Week 2
- MARCH 1
*Classes Continue
[de-densified campus]*
- MARCH 29/30
*Spring Break
[on campus]*
- MAY 27
Semester Ends

JUNE 5 : COMMENCEMENT

CAMPUS MAP



CAMPUS MAP KEY

THIS SEMESTER **MOST STUDENT SERVICES WILL BE OFFERED REMOTELY** IN AN EFFORT TO DE-DENSIFY CAMPUS. THEREFORE, IT IS **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED THAT YOU REACH OUT TO A PARTICULAR OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT BY EMAIL BEFORE VISITING IN PERSON.** CONTACT DETAILS AVAILABLE AT **[INFO.RISD.EDU](mailto:info@risd.edu)**

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| 1. Woods Gerry House
Admissions | 7. College Building
Global Arts+Cultures
NCSS
Liberal Arts Office | 12. Auditorium
Media Resources | 15. 161 South Main St
Industrial Design | 19. Fletcher Building
Sculpture Studios
Photography Studios
Glass Studios
Painting Studios
Printmaking Studios |
| 2. 72 Pine St
CAPS | 8. Bank Building
RISD 3D Store | 13. 20 Washington Place
Career Center
RISD Global
Registrar's Office
Office of Graduate Studies
Academic Affairs
Center for Complexity
RISD Research
Mail Room
Furniture Studios | 16. Bayard Ewing Building [BEB]
Architecture
Landscape Architecture | 20. Homer Hall, 55 Angell Street
Health Services |
| 3. 30 Waterman St
The Met Dinging Hall
Campus ID Center
Public Safety Office | 9. Chase Center
Gelman Gallery | 14. Design Center
Color Lab
RISD Store
Type Shop | 17. 15 West
Fleet Library
Center for Arts and Language
Portfolio Cafe | 21. 345 South Main St
TLAD |
| 4. 41 Waterman Street
Ewing Building Intercultural
Student Engagement | 10. Metcalf
Glass
Ceramics
Textile
J+M
Sculpture | | 18. Center for Integrative Technology [CIT] CoWorks
Sol Koffler Graduate Gallery
Textile
Graphic Design
Interior Architecture
D+M | |
| 5. 224 Benefit St
RISD Museum | | | | |
| 6. Carr House
Office of International
Student Affairs
Disability Support Services | 11. Waterman Building
Nature Lab | | | |

SEI RESOURCES

CENTER FOR SOCIAL EQUITY & INCLUSION

sei.risd.edu/

MATERIALS FUND

docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaFoSHzh1yGM1iCLa1GkGUrtnb-yFQ8jmPIJMcbSnvO8FaeA/closedform

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY

Open to any RISD student, faculty or staff member experiencing food insecurity. Contact dining@risd.edu for confidential access.

INTERCULTURAL STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

ISE supports underrepresented groups including but not limited to First Generation, International, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Polyamorous, Religious, Social Economic Status, Spiritual, Students with differing physical and psychological abilities, Students of Color, and those of all ages. ISE is further committed to actively engaging with campus partners to enrich cultural dialogue, competencies and inclusiveness.
www.ise.risd.edu/

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

info.risd.edu/disability-support-services-dss/

RISDARC (ANTI- RACISM COALLITION)

risdarc.cargo.site/

TITLE IX

titleix.risd.edu/

RISD MANGO STREET

www.facebook.com/RISDMangoStreet/

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES



General Health Guidelines

All members of the RISD community share the responsibility of keeping themselves and others safe while on campus. This section contains information about COVID-19, physical distancing expectations at RISD, hygiene practices, compliance with screening and testing and the code of conduct related to public health behaviors.

RISD and COVID-19: How to keep yourself and others safe

- * *Wear a cloth face covering whenever you are in a shared space, indoors and outdoors.*
- * *Keep six (6) feet distance from others whenever possible.*
- * *Wash hands frequently and thoroughly.*

Important Information

- * *Physical distancing is not a substitute for wearing a cloth face covering.*
- * *You don't have to have symptoms to be infected with COVID-19.*
- * *People who are infected and don't have symptoms can still spread COVID-19.*
- * *Visit the CDC for information about the virus and how to protect yourself and others.*
- * *Visit the Rhode Island Department of Health for local guidelines.*

Bottom line: Wear a face covering, keep six (6) feet apart, and wash your hands.

Physical Distancing

In addition to wearing a face covering, all individuals are expected to maintain a distance of six (6) feet or two (2) meters from others while on campus.

Interactions that cannot accommodate six (6) feet of physical distancing should be kept to 15 minutes or less, with face coverings strictly on, and/or include additional protective measures, such as plastic barriers in service locations.

Physically Distant and Socially Connected

While staying physically distant keeps us safe, it can negatively impact our sense of well-being. Our relationships, collective creativity and innovation will allow us to create a unique physically distant yet socially connected on-campus experience.

- * On-campus programming can be found at involved.risd.edu.*
- * Reach out to Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) for student tele-counseling.*



How RISD plans to keep you and your community safe

- * De-densified student housing, including isolation housing*
- * Pick-up dining*
- * Majority hybrid or online courses*
- * Reconfigured class and academic space for physical distancing*
- * Required daily self-screening on the MyRISD app*
- * Baseline (on arrival) and surveillance testing*
- * Contact tracing through the Crush COVID RI app*
- * Cloth face coverings for all students, faculty and staff*
- * Increased custodial staff*
- * Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer in all shared spaces*

**All measures subject to change based on evolving guidelines.*

For more information, visit covid.risd.edu.

THINGS OTHER GRADS THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



RIDE ANY RIPTA BUS FREE WITH YOUR STUDENT ID!

JOIN THE BULLETIN BOARD PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP FOR CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENTS

(www.facebook.com/groups/risdgraduatecommunitybulletinboard)

FOLLOW @RISDGRADUATESTUDIES ON INSTAGRAM FOR EVENTS AND FEATURES

(www.instagram.com/risdgraduatestudies/)

FAVORITE FOOD/DRINK SPOTS AROUND CAMPUS

- Ellie's
- Cheesecake Factory
- New Harvest Coffee and Spirits
- Harry's Bar and Grill
- Grad Center Bar at Brown
- Fortnight Wine Bar
- Den Den Cafe Asiana
- Dave's Coffee
- Serendipity Gourmet
- Fellinis Pizzeria
- Sakis Pizza

PARKS AND REC

- East Bay bike path
- Temple to Music
- Roger Williams Park
- Prospect Terrace
- India Point Park
- Providence River Pedestrian Bridge

OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE

- RISD Beach at Tillinghast Place
- Newport Beaches/Cliff Walk
- Lincoln Woods State Park

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