Fall 2019 Department of Architecture Graduate Orientation

For all incoming Architecture Graduate Students

- 8/26/19, 2:30 to 3:30 pm, Architecture Meet and Greet, 7-429
- 8/26/19, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, Architecture Ice Cream Social, N. Dome outside 7-429
- 8/27/19, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, English Evaluation Test (international students), 10-250
- 8/27/19, 1:00 to 2:00 pm, CRON Computing Orientation, 3-270
- 8/28/19, 9:30 to 11:00 am, Architecture Academic Orientation Part 1, 7-429
- 8/28/19, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Architecture Academic Orientation, Part 2, location to be announced
- 8/28/19, 2:00 to 3:00 pm, Architecture Shop Safety Orientation, 7-429
- 8/29/19, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Architecture Administrative Orientation, 7-429
- 8/29/19, 2:00 to 3:00 pm, Tour of Rotch Library and Visual Collections for Architecture Students, 7-238
- 8/30/19, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 pm, In-Shop Training, 3-410

Events limited to specific degree programs

- 8/28/19, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, SMACT Orientation, Part 1, E15-207
- 8/30/19, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, SMACT Orientation, Part 2, E15-001
- 9/3/19, 9:00 to 10:30 am SMArchS Students, 9-451
- 9/3/19, 9:30 to 11:00 am, PhDs in HTC Students, 3-329
- 9/3/19, 10:45 to 11:45 pm, M.Arch Students, 9-451
- 9/3/19, 11:30 am to 12:00 pm, SMArchS HTC Students, 3-329
- To be scheduled, SMArchS Architectural Design Students
- To be scheduled, SMArchS Urbanism Students
- To be scheduled, SMArchS BT, SMBT and PhD in BT Students
- To be scheduled, SMArchS Computation and PhDs in Design and Computation Students

NOTE: Orientation events are organized by the Department of Architecture as well as by MIT's Graduate Student Council (GSC), the International Students Office and other MIT Offices. The non-Architecture events are in italics.

You are required to attend the mandatory events and are strongly encouraged to attend as many of the Institute-wide events as possible. Only selected GSC events are included in the orientation schedule below, and GSC orientation schedule is available online at https://grad-orientation.mit.edu. The schedules are subject to change.
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

11:30 am to 2 pm
**Graduate Welcome Lunch, Johnson Rink/34-1stfloor**
Meeting the MIT President, members from Administration and Alumni Association over a fun and festive lunch.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26**

2:30 to 3:30 pm
**Architecture Meet and Greet, 7-429**
The first informal gathering of all incoming Department of Architecture graduate students. After introductions, continue socializing at the Ice Cream Social.

3:30 to 4:30 pm
**Architecture Ice Cream Social, North Corner outside of 7-429**
Architecture students, faculty and staff are invited to meet the incoming Architecture graduate students. Make your own ice cream sundaes!

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**

9:00 am to 12:00 pm
**English Evaluation Test, Mandatory, 10-250**
The EET is a diagnostic test of academic English given before the semester at the request of the Dean for Graduate Students. The EET is designed for entering international graduate students whose primary language of instruction throughout K-12 was not English. The exam identifies weaknesses in academic English that may interfere with course work, teaching and research at MIT. For more information, go to [http://mitgsl.mit.edu/academics-courses/english-evaluation-test-eet](http://mitgsl.mit.edu/academics-courses/english-evaluation-test-eet)

Questions? Contact Jane Dunphy, Director of English Language Studies, at dunphy@mit.edu.

If you were required to provide an IELTS or TOEFL for admission to Architecture, then you are required to take the English Evaluation Test.

Questions? Contact Darren Bennett at darrenb@mit.edu.

1:00 to 2:00 pm
**CRON Computing Orientation, Mandatory, 3-270**
The CRON staff will provide an introduction to computing at MIT in the School of Architecture and Planning. Topics include software, how and where to print, and things to make life easier. Plan on attending one of the three CRON Laptop Clinics with your laptop, on 8/28, 8/29 or 8/30, between 5 and 7 pm in 9-551.

5:00-7:00 pm
**Campus-Wide Scavenger Hunt, Meet in Building 50**
Go around campus taking a note of your to-be favorite and necessary places, and compete for prizes.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 to 9:30 am  
**Coffee and light breakfast**, North Corner outside 7-429

9:30 to 11:00 am  
**Architecture Academic Orientation, Part 1, Mandatory, 7-429**  
This session is for all new graduate students covers the nuts and bolts of the registration process including subject selection, and department requirements.

11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
**Architecture Academic Orientation, Part 2, Mandatory**, location to be determined  
Welcome and announcements by Department Head, Associate Department Head, and directors of the graduate degree programs, followed by lunch.

2:00 to 3:00 pm  
**Architecture Shop Safety Orientation, Mandatory for all students including ACT, 7-429**  
The event will cover shop resources, capabilities, and policies, general shop rules, scheduling for in-shop training sessions, and EHS hazardous material overview

4:30 to 5:30 pm  
**SMACT Orientation Part 1, Mandatory for Art, Culture and Technology students, E15-207**

5:00 to 7:00  
**CRON Laptop Clinic, 9-551**  
Bring your laptop.

4:00 to 6:00  
**International Students Office (ISO) Welcome Reception, La Sala de Puerto Rico, W20-202**  
Welcome accorded by the International Students Office and MIT Police for the incoming international students.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 to 9:30 am  
**Coffee and light breakfast**, North Corner outside 7-429

9:30 am to 12:30 pm  
**Architecture Administrative Orientation, Mandatory, 7-429**  
This session covers important information for all new graduate students about safety and facilities, student employment, internships, student groups, and more.

12:30 to 1:30 pm  
**Architecture Lunch**, pick up lunch in North Corner outside 7-429
2:00 to 3:00 pm
Tour of Rotch Library and Visual Collections for Architecture Students, Mandatory, 7-238
Meet the staff of Rotch Library for an overview of the Architecture and Planning library and visual collections.

5:00 to 7:00 pm
CRON Laptop Clinic, 9-551
Bring your laptop.

7:00-10:00 pm
Graduates Students of Color Welcome, La Sala de Puerto Rico, W20-202
MIT graduate community members are invited to attend this celebratory event to welcome new and continuing graduate students, staff, faculty and other community members to campus and to develop connections in a supportive environment. This event will engage with issues that are particularly challenging to underrepresented students. New graduate students will have the opportunity to learn about campus resources and student organizations that are focused on graduate diversity and inclusion.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
SMACT Orientation, Part 2, Mandatory for SMACT students, E15-001

1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 pm
Architecture In-shop Training, 3-410
Sign up for one of the three in-shop training sessions. The sign-up sheet will be posted outside Room 3-410 after the August 28th shop safety session. This in-shop training is now mandatory for all incoming Architecture students, including ACT students. An additional shop-specific training for the Mars Lab, E14-151, will be coordinated by the ACT staff at another time to be announced. This additional training is mandatory for ACT students and recommended for other Course 4 students.

5:00 to 7:00
CRON Laptop Clinic, 9-551
Bring your laptop.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Grad Outdoor Trip, Off Campus
Take a break and come to the beach.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
8:00 to 11:59 pm
Pride Welcome, Thirsty Ear Pub, NW35/Ashdown House
Join the LGBT@MIT community for a few snacks and refreshments and to see all upcoming events.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

All Day
Registration Day
Schedule a time to meet with your Registration Officer. The registration process will be explained at the Academic Orientation Part 1 on August 28.

9:30 to 10:30 am
SMArchS Orientation, Mandatory for SMArchS Students, 9-451
This session is the first meeting for all incoming SMArchS students with the Timothy Hyde, Director of the SMArchS Program, and Skylar Tibbits, the Colloquium/4.221 instructor.

9:30 to 11:00 am
Orientation for PhDs in History, Theory and Criticism (HTC). Mandatory, 3-329

10:45 to 11:45 am
M.Arch Orientation, Mandatory for M.Arch Students, 9-451
This session is the first meeting for M.Arch students with the Director of the M.Arch Program and the core faculty. Information will be provided about the degree requirements.

11:30 am to 12:00 pm
Orientation for SMArchS HTC Students, Mandatory, 3-329

1:00 to 3:00 pm
Grad Activity & Resource Fair, Johnson Athletic Center Ice Rink
Get to know the different resources on campus, and make the best of your time at MIT

2:00 to 4:00 pm
Preview of Fall Design Studio and Workshops, 7-429
All are invited to hear brief presentations by the design studio and workshop instructors about the fall offerings. Mandatory for M.Arch and first-year SMArchS Urbanism students.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

First Day of Classes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

5:00 to 8:00 pm
Resource 101: Entrepreneurship & Innovation, 4-370
Understand how you can get mentorship and pre-seed funding for your startup.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Graduate Women at MIT (GWAMIT) Welcome Lunch, La Sala de Puerto Rico, W20-202
Come meet current and incoming graduate women over lunch and learn about the many great resources available to women at MIT. The event is open to children, spouses & partners.
5:00 to 7:00 pm  
**GradRat Reception, Lobdell/W20-2nd floor**  
Order MIT rings to keep MIT with you long after you are gone, and also relish some good food.

7:00 pm to ?  
**Arts on the Radar, List Visual Arts Center, E15**  
The List Visual Arts Center, the Program in Art, Culture and Technology (ACT), Music and Theater Arts (MTA), and the Arts at MIT invite the MIT Community for an evening of art, food, and fun.

Enjoy open studio sessions with ACT students, live music, BBQ from Redbones, and an interactive art project, *Al La Mesa*, with artist Evelyn Rydz.

Drop by the List Center galleries to enter a Lottery to borrow a work of art from the List's Student Lending Art Collection. View art installations and demonstrations in the atrium lobbies and learn more about MIT's exciting art community. The evening culminates with a dance party in the ACT Cube.  

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

**101: Financial Matters, 4-370**  
Learn about fellowship opportunities, taxes, investments and more from the MIT Federal Credit Union and Office of Graduate Education

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

5:00 to 8:00 pm  
**Graduate Student Council (GSC) Open House, Morss Hall (50-140)**  
Come meet-and-greet leaders of the GSC and get the inside scoop for the upcoming year. This is a great opportunity to consider how you can get involved.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

5:30 pm to ?  
**Meeting of National Organization of Minority Architects Students (NOMAS), location TBA**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

12:00 to 1:00 pm  
**Lunch for all SMArchS students, faculty and staff, MIT Wood Sailing Pavilion/51-200**  
This event is for first and second-year SMArchS students and the SMArchS community of faculty and staff. Enjoy lunch, socializing and an incredible view of Boston and Back Bay.

7:00 to 9:00 pm  
**GSC Cultural Fair/Mixer, Lobdell/W20-2nd floor**  
Grab one of our mini-passports and engage with different groups to learn about the variety of cultural communities within MIT. Have desserts from around the world, while networking with fellow students!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:00 to 7:00 pm

**Muddy Charles Pub Welcome event, 50-1stfloor**
Chill out at the campus pub with drinks and snacks, while enjoying a scenic view of the Charles.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**101: Spouse and Partners, Westgate, 540 Memorial Dr.**
While the transition to being a graduate student can be a jump, moving to a new environment is also a big jump for your partner. MIT has resources to help those that are important to you; come find out what they are!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:00 to 8:00 pm

**GSC Diversity Equity Inclusion BBQ, Kresge BBQ Pits**
The GSC Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee is hosting a welcome barbecue for incoming graduates. C'mon by for a tasty bite and learn about initiatives and resources available in advocating for diversity in their department and across MIT.

Need help finding the meeting room locations? Go to [http://whereis.mit.edu](http://whereis.mit.edu)