Here is a reminder regarding the new student orientation event.

**GSE New Student Orientation Date & Location**

- **Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2013
- **Time:** 9:30-11:00 am
- **Arrival:** Please arrive and check in between 8:45 and 9:15 am
- **Location:** Blackman Auditorium, Ell Hall

The orientation session will be followed immediately by department/advisor meetings according to your program/department of acceptance beginning at 11:00 am or shortly after (further information will be provided at the general session). Most meetings will last about an hour (i.e. 11:00 am to 12:00 pm), but some departments will break for lunch and resume in the afternoon until done, if necessary. In these meetings you will meet faculty, fellow classmates, and you will be provided with important information as you begin your graduate studies. Lunch is on your own. There are a number of restaurants in the Curry Student Center (very near the Snell Engineering Center) and on Huntington Avenue which borders campus.

**The following is a tentative agenda for the day**

- **GSE New Student Orientation Agenda**
  - Check-in (beginning between 8:45 and 9:15 am)
  - Welcome provided by Dean Nadine Aubry, PhD (beginning at 9:30 am)
  - Information Regarding the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program (beginning at 9:40 am)
  - Welcome provided by Associate Dean Sara Wadia-Fascetti, PhD (beginning at 9:55 am)
  - NEU & GSE general topics overview provided by GSE Admissions & Student Services staff members (beginning at 10:10 am)
  - Departmental/Advisor Meetings (beginning at 11:00 am or shortly after and lasting at least 1 hour, but could continue into the afternoon)

**Other Orientation Programs**

Note that there are several other orientation sessions for various purposes, which are all coordinated separately. For example, international students will be invited to the international student office (ISSI) orientation; part-time/evening students may be invited to attend a
separate orientation; new teaching assistants will go to a related orientation; Gordon Engineering Leadership students will be invited to a separate orientation; and satellite campus students will be invited for separate orientations. If applicable, you will receive separate email invitations to attend.

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PRE-ORIENTATION EMAIL 1

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Housing

If you are not from the Boston area, finding housing is an important and sometimes challenging task. Most graduate students live off campus. Students may search for housing, sublets, and roommates by using NEU's Off Campus Student Services Office:
http://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/.

Also go to our new student info. page to watch a short video on housing (scroll down the page and click the video icon):

Set Up Your myNEU Account

Get familiar with your myNEU account. Most functions and services related to your academic experience at NEU (i.e. your courses, your student account, etc.) you will find under the Self-Service tab. Under the myNEU Central and Community tabs, you will find information on upcoming events. Also use your myNEU account to access your Husky g-mail account:
http://myneu.neu.edu/cp/home/displaylogin.

If you have not set up your myNEU account, login to your electronic application to find the instructions to do so:
https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/fl_ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=neu-grad.

Information on Course Registration & Pre-Registration

Many of our programs ask their new students not to register for courses until on or after the new student orientation on Aug. 27. If your department/program of acceptance would like you to register, you will receive a separate email with instructions. If you have questions or
concerns about this matter, please direct them to the professor or person named on your acceptance letter as your initial academic point of contact.

**Immunization, Health Insurance, and Wellness/Safety**

We are sorry, but the Graduate School of Engineering cannot answer questions related to immunization and health insurance. For questions regarding the NEU Student Health Plan go to:  
http://www.northeastern.edu/nushp/.

Regarding NEU’s immunization requirements, please go to the following link, direct questions to the University Health and Counseling Services office (617-373-2772), and complete the following form according to their instructions:  

Return the completed form by mail, email (UHCS@neu.edu) or fax (617-373-2601) before early September timeframe.

**No Smoking Campus Policy**

Please note that as part of NEU’s ongoing efforts to create a healthy campus environment, on August 12, 2013 the University will adopt a new smoke-free policy, prohibiting tobacco smoking anywhere on campus – inside and out. For more information, please visit:  
http://www.northeastern.edu/smokefree.

Questions associated with this policy can be sent to: Smokefreeinitiative@neu.edu.

**Things To Do After You Arrive**

*Take a tour.* Anyone can take a tour of campus almost any day, at any hour. Keep in mind that these campus tours are mostly geared towards undergraduate students and their families. But the tour is a nice way to see Northeastern’s campus if you are not familiar with it. Note that we plan to offer graduate level campus tours after our orientation day on August 28. For undergraduate campus tours, click on:  
Then click on the **Explore Northeastern - Information Session & Campus Tour** and **Additional Tour Options** areas.

Visit ISSI, if you are an international student: [http://www.northeastern.edu/issi/](http://www.northeastern.edu/issi/).

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Pick Up Your Husky Student ID Card

New students may pick up their Husky ID card only on or after August 26. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Registration Webinars

Most academic departments request that new students not register for courses until on or after the new student orientation on August 27. If your department/program of acceptance would like you to register, you will receive a separate email with instructions. Meanwhile, in preparation to register for courses, please watch the following two webinars on (1) how to search for courses, and (2) how to add or drop courses using your myNeu student account which links to Neu's student records and registration system, otherwise known as Banner.

Class schedule search:
http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/webinar-search.html.

Class add/drop:
http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/webinar-adddrop.html.

Managing Your Email to Receive Important Communications

It is important that you get into the habit of logging into your myNeu account to check your new Husky Gmail account. After logging in, look for the Gmail icon in the upper right hand corner of the screen. You may find that there are already important emails waiting in your account. With that said, given that most people have at least two if not several email accounts (i.e. yahoo, gmail, etc.), you may wish to forward your personal email to your Husky Gmail account or vice versa. Note that your Husky Gmail account can be configured to automatically
forward incoming mail to another address if desired. To learn the steps to do this, login to your Husky Gmail account, and look for a gear icon in the upper right hand corner of the page to begin the process. Click here to access your myNeu account: http://myneu.neu.edu/cp/home/displaylogin.

Completing Your Admissions File

If you have not done so already, arrange to complete your official admissions file by mailing to us your final, official university transcripts or certificate of completion that evidences all of your university-level courses, credits, and grades (or marks) from any and all colleges or universities that you have ever attended. This documentation should include evidence of the completion of your undergraduate (or bachelor's) degree, and any graduate degrees (i.e. master's) that you have completed or will complete by August 2013 (i.e. include your diploma or provisional certificate that evidences your degree and date of conferral if this information does not appear on your transcripts/marksheets). Note that because of the volume of documents that we receive and process, it is best if you arrange to mail them to the below address. However, some new students will bring official copies of their documents and submit them to us upon their arrival. This is generally okay with us, but if you do this, please make photo copies of all your official, original documents; then bring the official, original documents AND the photocopies of same with you to the new student orientation session on Aug. 27. There you will find a receptacle where you can submit both your original, official documents AND the photocopies of same. If you submit the originals and photocopies together, we will return the originals to you a few weeks later. If you only submit the originals, note that the documents will become the property of NEU and cannot be returned to you. If documents are in a language other than English, please arrange to submit official translations.

If you were required to take the GRE, TOEFL, or IELTS as part of our admissions process, please arrange to send to us your official scores via ETS (code 3665) or the appropriate testing agency.

If you have made the above arrangements already, ignore this message, and note that it may take us several more weeks to update our records. If you have not already made these arrangements, generally it is important that you do this before early September timeframe.

Mailing Address:
130 Snell Engineering Center
Northeastern University
360 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115, USA
Information for Students Who Cannot Attend Orientation

If you fit into one of the following categories, it is not necessary for you to attend the new GSE student orientation on Aug. 27: (1) virtual or online students pursuing the Energy Systems or Engineering Management program; (2) satellite campus students (i.e. Seattle, Charlotte); (3) part-time, working students; (4) students who have attended a GSE new student orientation in the past; and (5) international students who have special permission to arrive late for the Fall 2013 term (see below for more information on this topic). All other newly admitted students should make every effort to attend the orientation on Aug. 27. If you cannot attend for some other reason or conflict, please do not worry. Shortly after Aug. 27, we will make the power point slides from the orientation session available on our new student information/orientation webpage:


Otherwise, the most important thing to do when you arrive is to contact the person named on your admission letter as your initial academic point of contact regarding your program of acceptance (and if you are an international student, visit the international student office (ISSI) to go through their immigration clearance process):

http://www.northeastern.edu/issi/immigration.html.

Late Arrivals - For International Students Only

International students on a J-1 or F-1 visa are required to arrive to campus no later than August 28, which is the date published on the I-20/visa. However, students who are coming to Boston from abroad sometimes have to arrive after August 28 because of unavailability of international flights or because of visa administrative processing delays. If you cannot arrive to Boston by on or before August 28, please reply to this email with an explanation of your situation and an estimated date when you plan to arrive. If you already did this recently, please ignore this message, as we will send to you a late arrival approval letter via email very soon.

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Graduate Engineering Campus Tours Scheduled for Aug. 28

We are organizing walking tours of Northeastern's campus on Wednesday, August 28. The tours will be led by currently enrolled Graduate School of Engineering students. Tours will be offered every hour on the hour beginning at 10:00 am through 2:00 pm. If interested, we encourage you to sign up right away because we can only accommodate 200 students, but we are expecting many more new students to join our Fall 2013 class. Please click here to sign up:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49AF8FDA3F8-fall

Graduate Cooperative Education (Co-op) Program

Each year many graduate engineering students participate in the Graduate Cooperative Education (Co-op) program to gain industrial experience. You will hear more about the Co-op program at the orientation program scheduled on August 27. Note that we recently updated our program website. Please especially read the sections on Eligibility, and Rules and Restrictions:


Gordon Engineering Leadership (GEL) Program

GEL is a leadership development program housed in the College of Engineering that is specifically designed for engineers. The GEL program can be combined with most of the MS degree programs offered via the Graduate School of Engineering. Otherwise, the most important thing to know as new students is that (1) GEL exists as a program option for many of our students; and (2) GEL is selective and requires a separate application process. You will hear more about the GEL program at the orientation program scheduled on August 27. Congratulations to our incoming GEL class! For more information:

http://www.northeastern.edu/gordonleadership/prospective-students/.
As always, we encourage you to click here to login to your electronic application to read your entire decision letter carefully, and to take any appropriate action. As always, we encourage you to login to your electronic application to read your entire decision letter carefully, and to take any appropriate action:

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Academics at Northeastern

One of the most important priorities that a new graduate student can make is a commitment to high academic performance, honesty, and integrity. We expect you to study hard, to get good grades, and to graduate successfully. And most of our graduate students do. But each year some run into academic difficulties. Please read about the below topics to know what is expected.

Academic Requirements

To qualify for any degree from the Graduate School, a student must attain a cumulative Quality Point Average (QPA) of 3.000 or higher with no more than eight semester hours below the grade of B- in all courses applied toward that degree. To learn more about academic requirements go to:

http://www.coe.neu.edu/gse/students/academic_policies.html#34

Academic Probation Policy

Note that all graduate students are subject to the University policy regarding Minimum Cumulative Grade-Point Average. Graduate students are expected to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.000 or higher each term to remain in good academic standing and to progress toward graduation. Students falling below a cumulative GPA of 3.000 are placed on academic probation for each academic term in which the cumulative GPA is below 3.000. For more information about this important topic, go to:

http://www.coe.neu.edu/gse/students/academic_policies.html#35
Academic Honesty & Integrity

A commitment to the principles of academic integrity is essential to the mission of Northeastern University. To this end, the University has established an Academic Integrity Policy to which all students are subject. Suspected incidences of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. Cheating, fabrication, unauthorized collaboration, facilitating academic dishonesty, participation in dishonesty, multiple submissions, and all forms of plagiarism are considered violations which may result in immediate dismissal from the Graduate School and the University. For more information, go to: http://www.northeastern.edu/osccr/academicintegrity/index.html.

Registrar's Office 2013-2014 Graduate Semester Academic Calendar

Sept. 2 is a holiday, so the university is closed.

Sept. 4 is the first day of classes for the Fall 2013 term.

Sept. 17 is the last day to add a course.

Sept. 24 is the last day to drop a course without a 'W' grade.

Bookmark the following calendar page, because you will refer to it in the future: http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/cal1314-gs-exp-s.pdf.

For more information on course schedules, course descriptions, acquiring and using your Husky Student ID card, go to: http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/

The University Graduate Catalog

This important document contains Northeastern University's primary statements about student academic life, conduct, and the responsibilities of students and the University to one another: http://www.coe.neu.edu/gse/students/catalog.html.

Student Services Highlight: Career Services

The Princeton Review has named Northeastern as as having one of the best career services offices with a ranking in the top four nationally for five consecutive years, including three years
at with the number one ranking. For more information on career services for graduate students, go to:

http://www.northeastern.edu/careerservices/services/graduate-students/

In addition, increasingly Northeastern engineering graduate students are taking courses online and via videostreamed format. If you are an engineering graduate student who is not in the Boston area, go to the following link for career services for distance learners:

http://www.northeastern.edu/careerservices/services/distance-learners/

Graduate Student Government (GSG) Welcome Event

The GSG would like to invite new graduate engineering students to attend a welcome event. One of the main goals of the GSG is to bring together the graduate community so students and faculty can work together to enhance the graduate experience. Note that there will be representatives of various graduate student groups available with information on the plethora of opportunities available to students.

Date: Thursday, September 12

Time: 1:45 – 4:00 pm

Location: Curry Student Center Ballroom

If you want to attend, please send an RSVP email by Sept. 3 to Mr. Kledio Baci (baci.k@husky.neu.edu) who is the GSG VP of Programs and Administration. Note that Mr. Baci is also a current student in the MS in Civil & Environmental Engineering program at NEU. GSG website:

http://www.northeastern.edu/gsg/

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