

GRADUATE  
STUDENT  
ORIENTATION

AUGUST 16, 2017

BREAKOUT SESSION  
GROUP 1

WELCOME  
*to*  
RICE





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# 2017 Graduate Student Orientation

## Plenary Session

*Hosts:*

*Dr. Kiri Kilpatrick  
Associate Director, Graduate Student Development  
Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies*

*Catherine Majors  
Bioengineering Ph.D Candidate  
Parliamentarian, Graduate Student Association*

### **Welcome**

*David W. Leebron  
President of Rice University*

### **Welcome**

*Dr. Seiichi Matsuda  
Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies*

### **Academic Life at Rice – Ethics in Research**

*Dr. Yousif Shamoo  
Vice Provost for Research*

### **Student Judicial Programs and the Graduate Honor Council – Know the Policies**

*Carrie Willard, Programming Specialist  
Matt Lamb, Graduate Honor Council Representative*

### **Rice Police Department – Take Care of Your Safety**

*James Tate  
Chief of Rice University Police Department*

### **Student Wellbeing – Take Care of Your Physical and Mental Health**

*Elizabeth Conaway, Associate Director, Rice Counseling Center  
Saralyn Hernandez, Associate Director, Wellbeing Programs and Education*

### **Sexual Violence Prevention – Create a Sexual Assault Free Environment**

*Allison Vogt, Director of Sexual Violence Prevention and Title IX Support  
Jordan Everett, Student Wellbeing and Title IX Support Specialist*

### **Student Life at Rice – Meet the Graduate Student Association**

*Sydney Gibson  
President of Graduate Student Association*

### ***Attendance Slips***

Please, fill out the orange attendance slip given to you at Check-in and place it in the baskets as you exit Stude Hall.



# RICE

## 2017 Graduate Student Orientation

### Afternoon Events

*Sponsored by the Graduate Student Association*

11:30 am

#### Meet your Breakout Session Leaders

*Lobby Outside Stude Hall*

Breakout Session Leaders will be organized by group number in the lobby. Please, join the group that corresponds with the number found on the cover of your Orientation Book.

**Lunch** – Pick up boxed lunches to eat during Breakout Sessions as you exit the Shepherd School of Music. Box lunches include a choice of Turkey and Swiss or Tomato Mozzarella sandwich, chips, fruit, and a cookie. Bottled water is available as you exit.

11:45 – 1:15 pm

#### Breakout Sessions and Lunch

*Various Buildings on Campus; facilitated by Graduate Student Leaders*

1:30 – 5:00 pm

#### Refreshments & Socializing

*Two locations:*

- Farnsworth Pavilion, inside Rice Memorial Center (Building 21 on campus map)
- Graduate Student Commons, west of Keck Hall (Building 8 on campus map); Valhalla, Rice's Graduate Student Pub (also located in Keck Hall) will be open

1:30 – 4:30 pm

#### Graduate Student Information Panels

*Rice Memorial Center (Building 21 on campus map)*

Room \ Time	<i>Miner Conference Room</i>	<i>Memorial Chapel</i>	<i>GSA Captain's Lounge</i>	<i>Meyer Conference Room</i>
1:40–2:25 pm	Getting Involved @ Rice	Physical + Mental Wellbeing	Exploring Houston	Sustainability
2:40–3:25 pm	Professional Dev. Resources	Physical + Mental Wellbeing	First Year Success	Sustainability
3:40–4:25 pm	Professional Dev. Resources	First Year Success	Exploring Houston	Getting Involved @ Rice

3:00 – 5:00 pm

#### Campus Scavenger Hunt

*Various Locations on Campus*

Explore Rice's campus and resources with a scavenger hunt that will take you to many Rice landmarks. **To begin, text "join RiceGSA" to (650) 262-5837 after 3pm.** Along the way, you will be treated to giveaways. Students who complete the scavenger hunt will be entered in a prize drawing for Rice Coffeehouse gift cards or a tab at Valhalla. Participate individually or grab some friends! Please, limit teams to 10 students and have only one team member text the number above.

5:00 – 8:00 pm

#### Graduate Activities Fair and Orientation Picnic

*Graduate Student Commons, Keck Hall Lawn, near the Inner Loop*

*Rain location: Rice Memorial Center*

Food, drinks, games, and free GSA t-shirts

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Look for the GSA Snapchat Geofilter today!





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## 2017 Graduate Student Orientation

### Upcoming Events

#### **Lab Safety Training\***

Thursday, August 17, 2017

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Keck Hall, Room 100

*\*Required for all new graduate students in the Schools of Engineering and Natural Science (except Computational and Applied Mathematics, Mathematics, and Statistics) and any student working in a laboratory.*

#### **President's Welcome BBQ for Incoming Graduate Students**

Thursday, August 17, 2017

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Wiess President's House, Two Sunset Blvd.

*Meet at the Graduate Student Commons to walk to the President's BBQ.*

*Groups will leave at 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 6:30 pm.*

#### **Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Training**

Two Sessions:

Monday, August 21, 2017, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Herring Hall, Room 129

*Hosted by Center for Teaching Excellence*

*Registration required: <http://cte.rice.edu/rsvp2017tatraining>*

#### **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Information Session**

Two Sessions:

Thursday, August 24, 2017, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Keck Hall, Room 102

*For graduate students in the Schools of Engineering, Natural Science, and Social Sciences.*

*More information on page 23 and at <http://graduate.rice.edu/nsfgrfp>.*

#### **Center for Career Development Open House**

Friday, August 25, 2017

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Huff House

*Kick off the semester by connecting with the Center for Career Development team, grabbing food from Houston's best food trucks, and learning more about the services and resources available to you.*

Look for the weekly GSA Announcements and emails from your department to stay informed about upcoming events.

PRESIDENT'S  
WELCOME TO RICE

**B B B Q**

**FOR INCOMING GRADUATE STUDENTS**

HOSTED BY PRESIDENT DAVID W. LEEBRON AND Y. PING SUN

AUGUST  
**17<sup>TH</sup>**  
2017



THURSDAY  
**6-8<sup>PM</sup>**

**WIESS PRESIDENT'S HOUSE**

Two Sunset Boulevard

Please park on campus and walk to the house

**RAIN LOCATION**

Rice Memorial Center, Grand Hall

CATERED BY HOUSTON'S LEGENDARY  
**Goode Company Texas Bar • B • Q**



## New Graduate Student Checklist

[graduate.rice.edu/newstudents](http://graduate.rice.edu/newstudents)

Welcome to Rice University! We are pleased to welcome you to graduate school at Rice University and to the Houston community. We hope the information on this checklist will help prepare you for the upcoming academic year and ease your transition into graduate school.

<b>Before you Arrive</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <p><b>Activate your NetID, ESTHER Account, &amp; Rice Email</b> <i>Required</i> As soon as possible</p>	<p>You should have received an email from <a href="mailto:graduate@rice.edu">graduate@rice.edu</a> that contains your <b>ESTHER login</b> and <b>Rice Email</b> information to the email address given on your application. Use your student ID number and the unique link in the email to set up your ESTHER account and NetID. If you have not received information regarding your ESTHER login, please contact your graduate coordinator for assistance.</p> <p><b>ESTHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESTHER is the web application that allows you to access your academic records, course schedules, register for classes, pay bills, view financial aid, and other tools.</li> <li>Log into ESTHER to <b>Update your Address and Emergency Contact Information</b> and <b>Affirm the Honor Code</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>NetID</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activate your NetID at <a href="http://MyNetID.rice.edu">MyNetID.rice.edu</a>. Your NetID is your unique login credential for Rice email, computers, and other online apps.</li> <li>Learn how to set up Rice Google Apps for Calendar and Drive and much more at: <a href="https://kb.rice.edu/page.php?id=73712">https://kb.rice.edu/page.php?id=73712</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Email</b></p> <p>Your Rice Email is your official means of communication with the university. Read all emails from your graduate coordinator and <a href="mailto:graduate@rice.edu">graduate@rice.edu</a>, regularly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access your Rice email online at <a href="http://webmail.rice.edu">webmail.rice.edu</a>.</li> <li>If you prefer another service, set your Rice email to forward to another email address using WebSieve at <a href="http://ricemail.rice.edu">ricemail.rice.edu</a></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <p><b>Complete and submit Health Data Form</b> <i>Required</i> <b>Due July 1</b></p>	<p><b>All new graduate students are <u>required</u> to submit a Health Data Form (HDF) to Student Health by July 1, 2017.</b> Please, have your physician complete and sign the form, and mail it back to Health Services (Rice University Student Health Service, 6100 Main Street, MS-760, Houston, TX 77005, USA). Keep a copy for your records.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructions and more information can be found at: <a href="http://health.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=106">http://health.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=106</a></li> </ul> <p><b>All new graduate students under the age of 22 must show proof of the meningococcal meningitis vaccination.</b> Information regarding meningitis can be found at: <a href="http://gpsdocs.rice.edu/orientation/Meningitis_Requirement.pdf">http://gpsdocs.rice.edu/orientation/Meningitis_Requirement.pdf</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> <p><b>Register for or waive Student Health Insurance</b> <i>Required</i> <b>Due September 1</b></p>	<p><b>All students are <u>REQUIRED</u> to have health insurance coverage.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fall 2017 open enrollment for Rice Student Health Insurance is <b>July 10 – September 1</b></li> <li>To register or waive Rice Health Insurance, go to <a href="http://studenthealthinsurance.rice.edu">studenthealthinsurance.rice.edu</a>. You will need your Rice student ID number to complete the process.</li> <li>If you currently have health insurance with another plan, you may waive Rice student insurance by demonstrating comparable insurance coverage. Please, review the waiver requirements.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <p><b>Submit your final official transcript</b> <i>Required</i> <b>Due October 1</b></p>	<p>After your most recent degree is conferred, request your previous institution to send an official transcript showing degree conferred directly to your department coordinator by October 1, 2017.</p> <p><i>A \$75 late fee will be assessed if your final transcript is not submitted by October 1. You will not be able to register for a second semester until your previous degree is verified.</i></p>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Complete online training requirements</b> <i>Required</i> <b>Due October 1</b></p>	<p><u>Preventing Sexual Harassment Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once the training becomes available, instructions on how to access and complete the training will be sent directly to your Rice email address. For updates regarding the training, please visit <a href="http://graduate.rice.edu/training/">http://graduate.rice.edu/training/</a>.</li> </ul> <p><u>Responsible Conduct of Research Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCR online training will take about 4–6 hours to complete. A minimum score of 80% is required to pass by Rice’s standards. Please, follow the instructions at <a href="https://compliance.rice.edu/rcr/citi-training/">https://compliance.rice.edu/rcr/citi-training/</a>.</li> </ul> <p>For more information about trainings, go to <a href="http://graduate.rice.edu/training/">http://graduate.rice.edu/training/</a>. A \$75 late training fee will be assessed if training requirements are not met by October 1. Students will not be able to register for a second semester until these trainings have been completed.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Know your policies</b> <i>Required</i></p>	<p>Familiarize yourself with the following Rice policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Graduate Student section of the <u>General Announcements</u></li> <li>The <u>Code of Student Conduct</u></li> <li>The <u>Honor Code</u></li> <li>Your graduate program’s handbook</li> </ul>
<b>After you Arrive</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Check-in with your department</b></p>	<p>Make sure to attend your graduate program’s orientation. Your graduate coordinator will be able to answer any questions you may have upon arrival.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Attend Lab Safety Training</b> <i>Required</i> <b>Thursday, August 18</b></p>	<p><u>Lab Safety Training</u> is <b>REQUIRED</b> for all new graduate students in the School of Engineering, School of Natural Science (except CAAM, Math, and Statistics), and any student working in a laboratory. Training will take place on <b>August 17, 2017 at 9:00am, Keck Hall, room 100</b>. For more information about Lab Safety, visit <a href="http://safety.rice.edu">safety.rice.edu</a>.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Pick up your Rice ID</b> <i>Required</i></p>	<p>ID cards are obtained in the lobby of the Rice University Police Department (Building 43 on campus map). Hours are 8AM-5PM, Monday-Friday.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>File your payroll information</b> <i>Required</i> <b>As soon as possible</b></p>	<p><i>Consult with your graduate coordinator to confirm what payroll information must be filed in order to receive your stipend.</i></p> <p><b>Submit your I-9 Form</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students may need to complete an I-9 Form in person with the Payroll Office prior to receiving their first stipend. Payroll is location in Memorial Hermann Plaza (6400 Fannin St.), Suite 2650 (26th floor). Hours are 10AM-4PM, Monday-Friday.</li> </ul> <p><b>Submit your W-4 Form</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students have the option to complete Form W-4 and submit to the Payroll Office. If you do not submit a W-4 form to Payroll, you will be taxed at the highest rate—single status with zero withholding allowances.</li> </ul> <p><b>Set up Direct Deposit in ESTHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To enter your direct deposit information in ESTHER, navigate to “Employee” &gt; “Pay Information” &gt; “Direct Deposit Allocation”. If you do not set up direct deposit, you will be issued a pay card with USA bank. We no longer process paper checks.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Register for classes</b> <i>Required</i> <b>Beginning August 17</b></p>	<p>Registration for all new graduate students for Fall 2017 will take place on <b>Thursday, August 17, 2017, in ESTHER</b>, after you have been advised by your department on your planned course of study. <b>The last day to add classes is September 1, 2017.</b></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Pay your bill</b> <i>Required</i> <b>Due September 11</b></p>	<p>After you register for classes, you will receive an email notice of your new account statement. To arrange payment for any outstanding balances, visit the Bill Payment Suite in ESTHER.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the Bill Payment Suite, you can view your account balance and payment history, enroll in a payment plan, set up e-Refunds, and set up authorized users. Step-by-step instructions are at <a href="https://cashier.rice.edu/how-do-i">https://cashier.rice.edu/how-do-i</a>.</li> <li>Tuition and required fees for Fall 2017 are due Monday, September 11, 2017 for students that register after August 1.</li> </ul>





# GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION Rice University NEWSLETTER

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram (@RiceGSA) and Facebook!

Term: Fall | Issue 1 | Date: August 16th, 2017

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Welcome new students! We are so excited to have everyone here, and we hope you will feel welcome at Rice. The Graduate Student Association is made up of graduate students at Rice, and the GSA mission is to enrich the graduate student experience and to represent, support, and promote graduate student interests and values. An integral and essential part of the Rice community, the GSA provides programs and services aiding in recruitment and retention of graduate students, represents graduate student interests to the University administration, and builds a strong sense of community both on and off campus. The 2017-2018 GSA Executive board has made Advocacy, Inclusion, and Increasing Grad Student Involvement the goals for improving graduate student life.



Visit our website ([gsa.rice.edu](http://gsa.rice.edu)) for more information about GSA and check out the New Student page: [gsa.rice.edu/guide-to-grad-life/new-graduate-students](http://gsa.rice.edu/guide-to-grad-life/new-graduate-students)

## PAST EVENTS



- Summer Pride Picnic
- Karaoke Night
- International Culture Night
- GSA Awards Ceremony
- 90 Second Thesis Competition
- Speed Networking
- Monthly Coffee Breaks
- BEER BIKE!



## GET INVOLVED IN GSA

1. Join a committee
  - a. University committees help Rice administration make important decisions about student life
  - b. GSA committees help plan and coordinate GSA events and funding
2. Get involved in your departmental GSA
3. Stay up to date
  - a. Weekly GSA Announcements
  - b. GSA Website
  - c. Official GSA Calendar

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### August 17th: Orientation Picnic

*Meet at Valhalla.* Get some awesome food and socialize with fellow graduate students

### September 1st: AETNA Health Care Waiver Deadline

If not waived, you will automatically be signed up.

### September 9th: BAHfest

*Stude Concert Hall.* Fun event where contestants argue for hilariously inaccurate hypotheses.

# Breakout Session Summary

## Graduate Student Association *gsa.rice.edu*

*Represents the common needs and interests of graduate students to the administrators*

### Orientation Events Sponsored by the GSA

#### Today, August 16<sup>th</sup>

- 11:45 am Breakout Sessions  
*Please find the graduate student leader holding the number written on your folder.*
- 1:30 – 5:00 pm Refreshments + Socializing  
*Farnsworth Pavilion (RMC), Graduate Student Commons (West of Keck Hall)*
- 1:45 – 4:30 pm Graduate Student Panels  
*See reverse side for locations*
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Campus Scavenger Hunt  
*Text "join ricegsa" to (650) 262-5837 after 3pm to start*
- 5:00 – 8:00 pm Activities Fair & Orientation Picnic @ Graduate Student Commons/Valhalla (west of Keck Hall)  
*Rain location: Grand Hall in RMC*

### Intramural & College Level Sports

<http://recreation.rice.edu/ims/>

### GSA Committees

*Community Service, Media, Professional Development, & Programming*  
Contact: [gsa@rice.edu](mailto:gsa@rice.edu)



## Breakout Session Leader Info

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



### Get your Rice ID!

Visit RUPD @ Entrance 8.  
Open M-F, 8am-5pm.  
Bring your student number and a picture ID (driver's license or passport).



## Explore Esther...

*[esther.rice.edu](http://esther.rice.edu)*

- Register & add/drop classes
- View the Course Catalog and the Schedule of Course Offerings
- Print an unofficial transcript
- View your account balance information
- View disbursed financial aid information
- Access professor and course evaluations
- Register emergency contact information to get Rice announcements about closings, emergency procedures, etc.

# Dining Options on Campus

### In the Student Center (RMC)

@Sammy's: Sandwiches, pizza, tacos, hamburgers, and home-cooked food

ReCharge U: Small convenience store with foods & drinks

Willy's Pub: Pizza, paninis and wraps

Coffeehouse: Great coffee, pastries, sweets

Ambassador Chinese: Chinese entrees and appetizers

The Hoot: Serving pizza, sandwiches and snacks late night (8:00 pm – 1 am)

### Around Campus

Valhalla: Graduate Student bar with beer, wine, & soft drinks; sandwiches at lunch (cash only) @ Keck Hall

Brochstein Pavilion: Coffee, tea, sandwiches, salads, pastries, beer, and wine

Food Trucks on Mudd Loop Road: See schedule @ <http://dining.rice.edu/public-dining/food-trucks/>

*Or sign up for a graduate meal plan through the serveries!*

### Other Websites to Know –

Shuttle System:

*[parktrans.rice.edu](http://parktrans.rice.edu)*

*Track buses live @ [bus.rice.edu](http://bus.rice.edu)*

Student Center:

*[studentcenter.rice.edu](http://studentcenter.rice.edu)*

Grad Student Loan Closet:

*[gradloancloset.blogs.rice.edu](http://gradloancloset.blogs.rice.edu)*

Recreation Center:

*[recreation.rice.edu](http://recreation.rice.edu)*

*Purchase membership online!*

Rice University Crisis Management Team

*[emergency.rice.edu](http://emergency.rice.edu)*





**GSA Information Panels  
from 1:40-4:30 pm\***

***More questions?  
Ask your peers and experts!***

Grab refreshments and meet current grad students at the coffee break between panels in Farnsworth Pavilion and Graduate Student Commons from 1:30-5 pm



Time/Room	Miner Conference Room	Memorial Chapel	Captain's Lounge	Meyer Conference Room
1:40-2:25	Getting Involved @ Rice	Physical + Mental Wellbeing	Exploring Houston	Sustainability
2:40-3:25	Prof. Dev. Resources	Physical + Mental Wellbeing	First Year Success	Sustainability
3:40-4:25	Prof. Dev. Resources	First Year Success	Exploring Houston	Getting Involved @ Rice

**First Year Success:** Fellow grad students share how to survive your first year, pick an advisor, apply for fellowships, and make the most of your grad student experience.

**Getting Involved @ Rice:** Learn about Rice's vibrant community, cultural organizations, volunteering opportunities, intramural sports, and more!

**Physical + Mental Wellbeing:** The Wellness Center, Recreation Center, and Women's Center discuss living a well-balanced life while caring for your physical and mental well-being in grad school.

**Professional Development Resources:** Learn about services the Center for Career Development, Center for Written, Oral, and Visual Communication, and Center for Teaching Excellence provide for graduate students.

**Exploring Houston:** Where to live, to eat, to go on a wild Friday night, a lazy Saturday afternoon, or even a long weekend getaway!

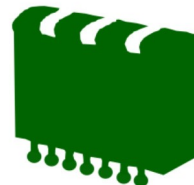
**Sustainability:** Find out how members of the Rice community are helping to reduce waste, promote green methods of transportation, and make Rice a more sustainable campus.

**\*Please refer to your Student Center map in your orientation packet for room locations.**

***Graduate  
Activities Fair  
and  
Orientation  
Picnic***

**Valhalla 5-8 pm  
Wednesday  
August 17, 2016**

Grab food, beer, soda, and a free GSA t-shirt while you get to know all the clubs and groups on campus!



# GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE!

## RICE GSA HELPS THE LOCAL HOUSTON COMMUNITY AT:

- Houston Food Bank
- The Humane Society
- Hermann Park
- Rise Against Hunger
- Local K-12 Schools



**Want to learn more  
about GSA volunteer  
opportunities?**

Join our listserv at  
<https://goo.gl/ycdTTq>





# RECYCLE

-  **PAPER**  
Magazines, office paper, etc.
-  **PAPER CUPS**  
Even with wax coating
-  **PLASTIC**  
All except Code #6
-  **PIZZA BOXES**  
Even with a trace amount of grease
-  **GLASS**
-  **METAL CANS**  
Both steel and tin
-  **CARDBOARD**  
Please flatten!
-  **JUNK MAIL**
-  **ALUMINUM**
-  **DRINK CARTONS**



Place all of these in **ANY RECYCLE BIN** across Rice's campus!

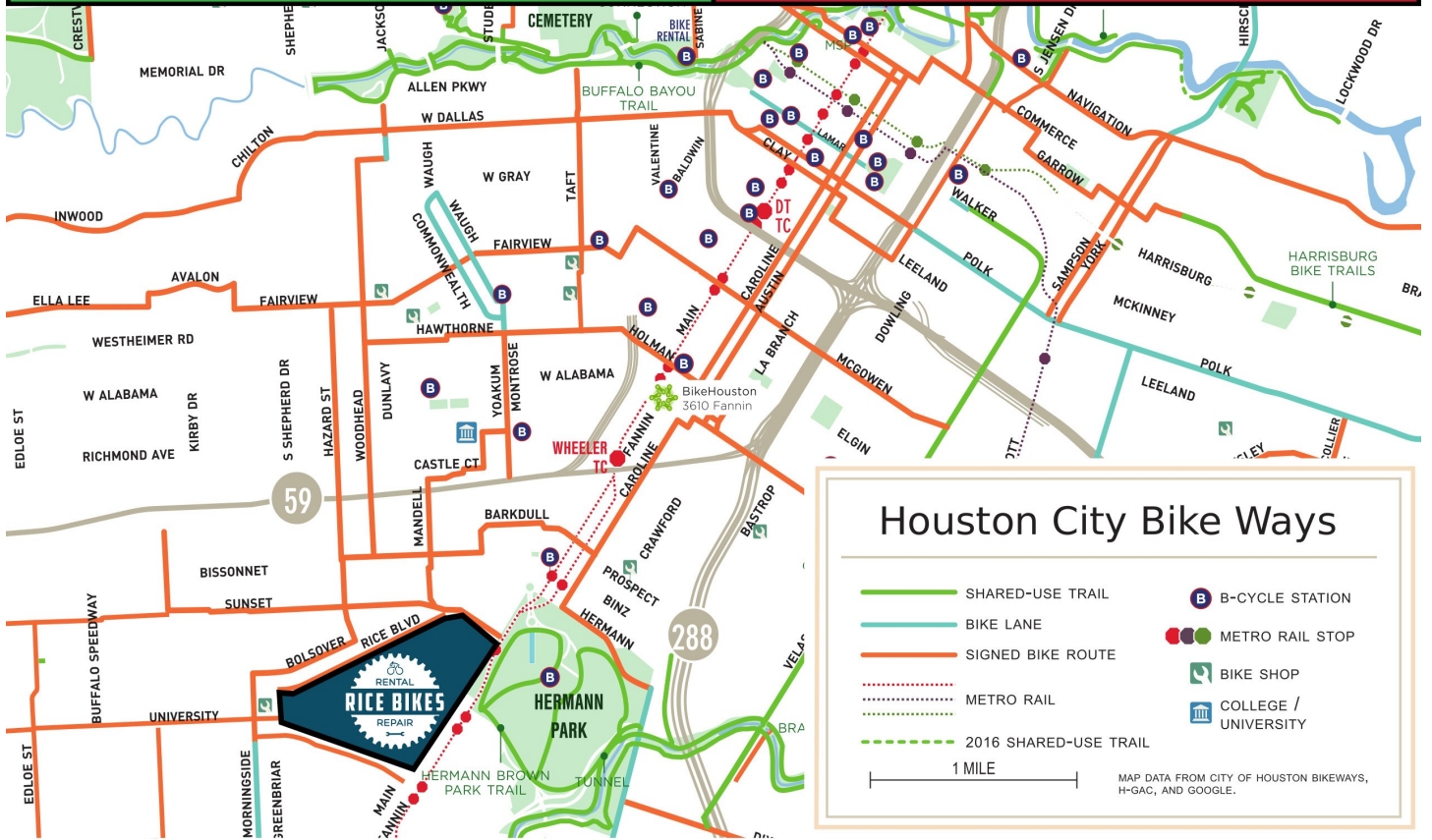
Please empty all liquids and food scraps before recycling!

# LANDFILL

-  **PLASTIC BAGS**  
Some stores recycle plastic bags!
-  **FOOD WASTE**
-  **PLASTIC WRAP**
-  **STYROFOAM**
-  **#6 PLASTICS**  
Check number in recycling symbol
-  **PLASTICWARE**



Use reusable bags, utensils, and cups to reduce waste!



Interested in joining the GSA Sustainability Committee?  
Stop by our booth at the activities fair or email Emm at [ef16@rice.edu](mailto:ef16@rice.edu)!

## Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS)



OISS is located in Lovett Hall, Entrance A, 2nd floor

E-mail: [oiss@rice.edu](mailto:oiss@rice.edu)

The Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) would like to welcome all of our incoming graduate international students to our lovely campus and outstanding academic community. We are grateful to have you join us from all over the world and we are eager to assist you with anything you may need during your time here at Rice. Some of the tasks our office handles include:

- Issuance/Updates of Forms I-20 and DS-2019
- U.S. immigration forms and advisement
- Compliance with regulations as they pertain to non-immigrant visas
- Travel authorization and visa counseling
- Issue letters of support (proof of enrollment, proof of valid visa status, Social Security, visa renewal, etc.)
- Process work authorizations such as Curricular Practical Training (CPT), Optional Practical Training (OPT), STEM OPT extensions and Academic Training (AT)
- Assistance with matters of cultural adjustment
- Host informational workshops and cultural activities
- Provide information on holiday hospitality programs
- Provide networks for international students to assist one another

We are here to assist you with questions and provide guidance year-round, so please feel free to contact our office anytime! We will send you informative emails through the OISS Listserv and have additional information and support online at <http://oiss.rice.edu/>. We wish you a wonder year ahead and look forward to working with you.



### REMINDER!



#### OISS CONTINUED ORIENTATION DATES/TIMES (Lunchtime 12-1 at Farnsworth)

<b>September 5, 2017</b>	<b><i>Academic Success presented by GPS (Dr. Kiri Kilpatrick)</i></b>
<b>October 12, 2017</b>	<b><i>Grad Support Services (Dr. Jennifer Wilson)</i></b>
<b>November 7, 2017</b>	<b><i>Networking for Meetings/Employment (Beth O'Sullivan)</i></b>



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The General Announcements describes university-wide academic policies and procedures for graduate study at Rice University. Students are responsible for meeting all program and university requirements. In addition to being in agreement with the regulations stated in their graduate program handbook, students must also be in agreement with the General Announcements and the Code of Student Conduct (see next section). A student failing to meet department or university requirements is subject to dismissal from the program.

In cases where there is conflicting information, university regulations take precedence over graduate program regulations, which take precedence over research group regulations. When in doubt, students should first seek help at the department level (academic program administrator) and then at the central administration level (Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies).

The General Announcements summarizes the university regulations and procedures for Doctoral Degrees, Diploma Programs, Non-thesis Master's Degrees, and Thesis Master's Degrees. Please, read and familiarize yourself with the following academic policies and procedures:

- University Graduation Requirements
- Candidacy, Oral Examinations, and Thesis
- Academic and Judicial Discipline
- Academic Regulation and Good Standing
- Grades
- Leaves, Interruptions of Study, and Withdrawals
- Registration and Courses
- Transcript Policies and Transfer Credits
- Transfer of Graduate Program
- Rights and Responsibilities

The General Announcements are available online at <http://ga.rice.edu/>.



## CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

*"The life and work of a Rice University student should be based on integrity, responsibility, and consideration and respect for others." - Rice University Code of Student Conduct*

The Office of Student Judicial Programs oversees the judicial system and enforces the Code of Student Conduct, which governs the administration of student order and

discipline, and may participate in Title IX investigations. The Code of Student Conduct applies to all students, including undergraduate, graduate, and transfer students; those enrolled in professional and Continuing Studies programs; and visiting students, Visiting Post Baccalaureates, second degree students, and auditors, from the time they arrive on campus for orientation until their degree is conferred or they have permanently left Rice. Organizations also are subject to this Code. All enrolled students are also subject to Rice University policies, rules, and regulations.

Alleged violations of university or college rules are handled in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct. Students may appeal decisions as described in the Code of Student Conduct. Rice retains ultimate authority in all matters of discipline and over all actions that affect its educational function or the safety and wellbeing of members of the university community. The Code is not intended to—and does not—confer any contractual rights on any individuals involved.

The Code of Student Conduct can be found at <http://sjp.rice.edu/current-code-of-student-conduct/>.

### **DON'T FORGET AN ACADEMIC DEADLINE!**

Download the Academic Calendar  
on Google Calendar at  
<http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars>



## HONOR CODE AND GRADUATE HONOR COUNCIL

*"On my honor, I have neither given nor received any unauthorized aid on this assignment." - Rice University Honor Code*

The honor system, one of the oldest and proudest traditions at Rice, is administered by the Honor Council, whose student members are elected each year by the student body. Adopted by a student vote in 1916, the honor system has remained essentially the same since that time but for changes in the procedures and membership of the Honor Council.

Students take all written examinations and complete any specifically designated assignments under the honor system. By committing themselves to the honor system, all



students accept responsibility for assuring the integrity of the examinations and assignments conducted under it.

The Faculty Senate and the Provost established the Graduate Honor Council to consider all cases of possible violation of the Honor Code by graduate students. The Graduate Honor Council adopts the spirit of the constitution, by-laws and procedures of the Honor Council except as modified by the Graduate Honor Council Policies and Procedures. The Graduate Honor Council is responsible for investigating reported violations and for conducting a hearing when the facts warrant. For course work violations, Graduate Honor Council shall determine an appropriate penalty, taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances in a case as well as reviewing any consensus penalties adopted by the Honor Council. The Graduate Honor Council may modify these penalties for graduate students.

The Honor Code and other related information and resources are located at <http://gradhonor.rice.edu/>.



## RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

*“As an institution of higher learning, Rice University expects all its members to maintain the highest standards of conduct in pursuing research and scholarly activities. Any form of research fraud or misconduct is contrary to the University’s principles and adversely affects the reputation of all individuals in the Rice community.” - Rice University Policy No. 324*

Research misconduct means fabrication, falsification or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results. Fabrication is making up data or results and recording or reporting them. Falsification is manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record. Plagiarism is the appropriation of another person’s ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit.

A finding of research misconduct requires that there be a significant departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community. Research misconduct may also include a failure to comply with the federal requirements for protecting researchers, human and animal subjects and the public. Any action in connection with proposing, conducting, reviewing, or reporting research taken with the intent to defraud is also a form of research misconduct. Research misconduct does not include honest error or differences in opinion.

The Research Misconduct Policy and other related information and resources are located at <http://research.rice.edu/research-policies/>.

## RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH TRAINING

Due by October 1, 2017

More information about RCR Training at:  
<http://compliance.rice.edu/rcr>



## PLAGIARISM

In the United States, plagiarism is academic misconduct, and you are expected to be able to recognize and avoid plagiarism. It is YOUR responsibility to use quotation marks when using exact source words, to paraphrase correctly, and to cite all sources whether on slides or in written text. You must cite the source even if no author is identified, as on Wikipedia.

## Learn how to RECOGNIZE AND AVOID PLAGIARISM!

More information about Plagiarism at:  
<http://graduate.rice.edu/policydoc>



## SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY

Rice University is committed to providing an environment that is free from gender-based discrimination. Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities. Consistent with Title IX, the University does not tolerate sex discrimination, including sexual misconduct and relationship violence.

### Consent

Rice University defines consent as “active, ongoing, voluntary agreement between all partners to participate in an activity communicated by clear words or actions”

- Alert, aware, and cognitively able to make a decision
- Old enough (17 years or older in the state of Texas)
- Saying yes and actively showing they are enjoying themselves through their words and actions

It is your responsibility to make sure your partner is giving full consent throughout any interaction. If you’re not sure, then stop, step back, and ask.

### Prohibited Behaviors

Rice’s Sexual Misconduct Policy prohibits a wide array of behaviors that fall under the umbrella of sexual misconduct. All forms of sexual misconduct are behaviors without a person’s consent. These behaviors can be perpetrated by people of all genders, just as people of all genders can experience these behaviors.

Sexual assault, harassment, stalking, or relationship violence are not your fault. If you experience any of these behaviors, there are resources available for you at Rice to seek support and make a report.

### **Options for Support**

#### *Confidential Counseling and Medical Support:*

- Rice Counseling Center: 713-348-3311 (24 hours)
- Student Health Services: 713-348-4966 (M-F, 8 am – 5pm)
- The Houston Area Women's Center: 713 - 526-7273 (24 hours), <http://www.hawc.org/>
- The Montrose Center (LGBT specific): 713 - 526-3211 (24 hours), <http://www.montrosecenter.org/hub/>

#### *Additional Support:*

- RUPD: 713-348-6000 (24 hours)
- Office of Sexual Violence Prevention and Title IX Support: 713-348-3311 (24 hours)
- Student Wellbeing and Counseling Center: 713-348-3311 (24 hours)
- Student Judicial Programs: 713-348-4786 (M-F, 9 am – 5 pm)

The Sexual Misconduct Policy and other related information and resources are located at <http://safe.rice.edu/>.



## **SEXUAL HARRASMENT PREVENTION**

*“Rice University is committed to maintaining an environment free of sexual harassment.” - Rice University Policy 830-01*

The policy of Rice University is to provide an environment that is free from sexual harassment. Such conduct seriously undermines the atmosphere of trust and respect essential to a healthy work and academic environment. This policy applies to all members of the university community, and they are encouraged to report, promptly, complaints about sexual harassment. Persons found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to, written warning, demotion, transfer, suspension, or dismissal.

No faculty member, administrator, staff member, applicant for employment, student, or member of the public may be subject to restraint, interference, coercion, or reprisal for action taken in good faith to seek advice concerning a sexual harassment matter, for filing a sexual harassment complaint, or for serving as a witness or as a panel member in the investigation of a sexual harassment complaint.

### **The Law**

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended), by

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and by the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT is a form of sex discrimination. It is illegal.

### **Sexual Harassment Defined**

Sexual harassment is unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other unwelcome verbal or physical behavior of a sexual nature where:

- Submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or a condition of an individual's education or employment;
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting the individual's welfare; or
- Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's welfare or academic or work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, offensive, or demeaning educational or work environment.

Sexual harassment can occur between persons of the same or opposite sex. In addition, the victim does not necessarily have to be the person to whom the unwelcome sexual conduct is directed but could be a third party who is affected by behavior that substantially interferes with that third party's welfare or academic or work performance.

Two types of sexual harassment are recognized; quid pro quo and hostile environment harassment.

- Quid pro quo harassment occurs when someone in a supervisory position conditions the granting of a work or academically related benefit upon the receipt of sexual favors or punishes the subordinate for rejecting the offer.
- Hostile environment harassment occurs when persons create an atmosphere so pervasive with sexual harassment that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's psychological well-being or ability to be productive.

The Sexual Harassment Policy and other related information and resources are located at <http://professor.rice.edu/Standard.aspx?id=2429/>.

## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING**

Due by October 1, 2017

More information about all REQUIRED training at:  
<http://graduate.rice.edu/training>



## ALCOHOL POLICY

The Rice community encourages safe, responsible behavior toward alcohol. All students are personally responsible for their behavior, and all students should, under Rice's Culture of Care, consider themselves responsible for the safety of themselves and all fellow students. For those permitted to consume alcohol, Rice encourages with both regulations and sanctions a shift away from distilled spirits toward beer and wine, which pose a less serious danger of abuse.

To familiarize yourself with the Alcohol policy, visit [http://students.rice.edu/students/Alcohol\\_Policy.asp/](http://students.rice.edu/students/Alcohol_Policy.asp/).

Students, organizations or colleges violating campus alcohol rules will be sanctioned under the Code of Student Conduct, with sanctions ranging from fines to expulsion.



## TEACHING ASSISTANT POLICY

Teaching assistants are graduate students who help faculty with the delivery of courses. Services provided by teaching assistants include, but are not limited to, grading, monitoring, leading labs and/or discussion sessions, offering office hour assistance to students and performing clerical tasks associated with course instruction. Teaching assistants are supervised by the course instructor of record and are subject to established departmental policy.

Although they are not members of the faculty, teaching assistants are expected to conform to the same standards of conduct in the performance of their academic duties as are members of the faculty and shall respect the rights and opinions of students and uphold the academic standards of the University.

Teaching assistants are subject to the guidelines stated in the University Amorous Relationship Policy as well as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

When serving in the role of a teaching assistant, graduate students are considered responsible employees under the University Title IX Policy. As a responsible employee of Rice University, once a teaching assistant knows about any incident of sexual assault, harassment, relationship violence, stalking, or another non-consensual interpersonal behavior, Rice Title IX personnel need to know so they can act to support the student and keep our community safe. You can gain access to the Title IX Resource Navigator, Student Wellbeing, and the Rice Counseling Center by calling 713 - 348-3311. If a student wants to make a report through the university, wants Title IX accommodations without making a report, or isn't sure what to do, call 713 - 348-3311.

If the student wants to make a report through the legal system or is considering making a report, or needs immediate assistance, call the Rice University Police Department (RUPD) at 713-348-6000.

### GRADUATE STUDENT TA TRAINING

Monday, August 21, 2017, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

More information at <http://cte.rice.edu/>



## DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS)

Rice students registered with DSS may have a wide range of disabilities including learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders, physical or medical conditions, sensory loss, or psychiatric or psychological conditions, etc. DSS establishes eligibility for disability-related assistance, notifies and consults with faculty on needed accommodations, and provides adaptive equipment or resources as needed.

New students that are admitted to Rice are advised to contact DSS following admission to ensure eligibility is established and any needed, reasonable accommodations are evaluated and approved in a timely manner. Accommodations are not retroactive.

For more information, visit the DSS website <http://dss.rice.edu/> or contact DSS via phone 713-348-5841 or email [adarice@rice.edu](mailto:adarice@rice.edu).

**Avoid a late fee.**

**REGISTER**

**ON  
TIME**

**Receiving a Stipend?**

**REGISTER**

**ON  
TIME**

Semester	Minimum # of Course Credits	Type of Course	Registration Begins
Fall	9	*Graduate	End of March
Spring	9	*Graduate	Mid-November
Summer	6	Grad Research (Undergrad courses are self pay)	Mid-March

\* Undergrad courses do not count towards your degree

*(Almost) all you need to know about the:*

# STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

Visit [health.rice.edu](http://health.rice.edu) for more information

~ Brought to you by the GSA ~

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Visits to the Health Center are covered in your student fees!**

(additional fees may apply for prescriptions, laboratory services, etc )

*Services include:*

- \* Treatment for acute illnesses:
  - fever
  - respiratory infections
  - sore throat
  - abdominal pain
  - orthopedic injuries
  - trauma
  - and more
- \* Flu shots + other vaccinations
- \* General physical exams- free yearly preventative screening
- \* Female health exams + contraceptive consulting
- \* Sexual health + STD screenings
- \* Travel medication prescriptions
- \* Skin conditions
- \* Gastrointestinal conditions
- \* Limited laboratory + testing services

*Full list of services on [health.rice.edu](http://health.rice.edu)*

## HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 8am – 5pm  
Closed Weekends

## NEED TO OBTAIN CARE?

Clinical services with the physicians are provided by appointment only.

**For Appointments:  
Call 713-348-4966**

*Students may be seen at the clinic regardless of the type of health insurance they possess*

## WHERE IS THE HEALTH CENTER?

Check out the map on the back!



## Mental Health Information

There are on-campus resources to help you with mental and emotional wellness:

### Wellbeing and Counseling Center

- 🌐 : [wellbeing.rice.edu](http://wellbeing.rice.edu)
- ☎ : 713-348-3311 (24 hours)
- ✉ : [wellbeing@rice.edu](mailto:wellbeing@rice.edu)

Primary location: Gibbs Wellness Center (next to the Recreation Center)


🕒 : 9am – 5pm, Monday- Friday

*Services Provided: Initial consultations, brief same day in-person consultations, and urgent care services.*

Satellite Location: Rich Health Service Center

🕒 : 10am – 4pm, Monday - Friday

*Services Provided: Counseling by appointment only*

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Student Health Center Office Hours:

Monday- Friday, 8am – 5pm

To make an appointment at the Student Health Center, call 713-348-4966 (appointments must be scheduled by phone)

### Bring your Rice ID

REMEMBER: You do not need to have Rice-provided health insurance to make an appointment at the Student Health Center.

## URGENT CARE/ EMERGENCY:

**For ON-campus emergencies: 713-348-6000**

**For OFF-campus emergencies: 911**

- Aetna Nurse Health Hotline (24 hours)

☎ : 1-800-556-1555

- American Family Care

☎ : 713-666-7050 Location: 5568 Wesleyan St

- Methodist Emergency Care Center at Kirby

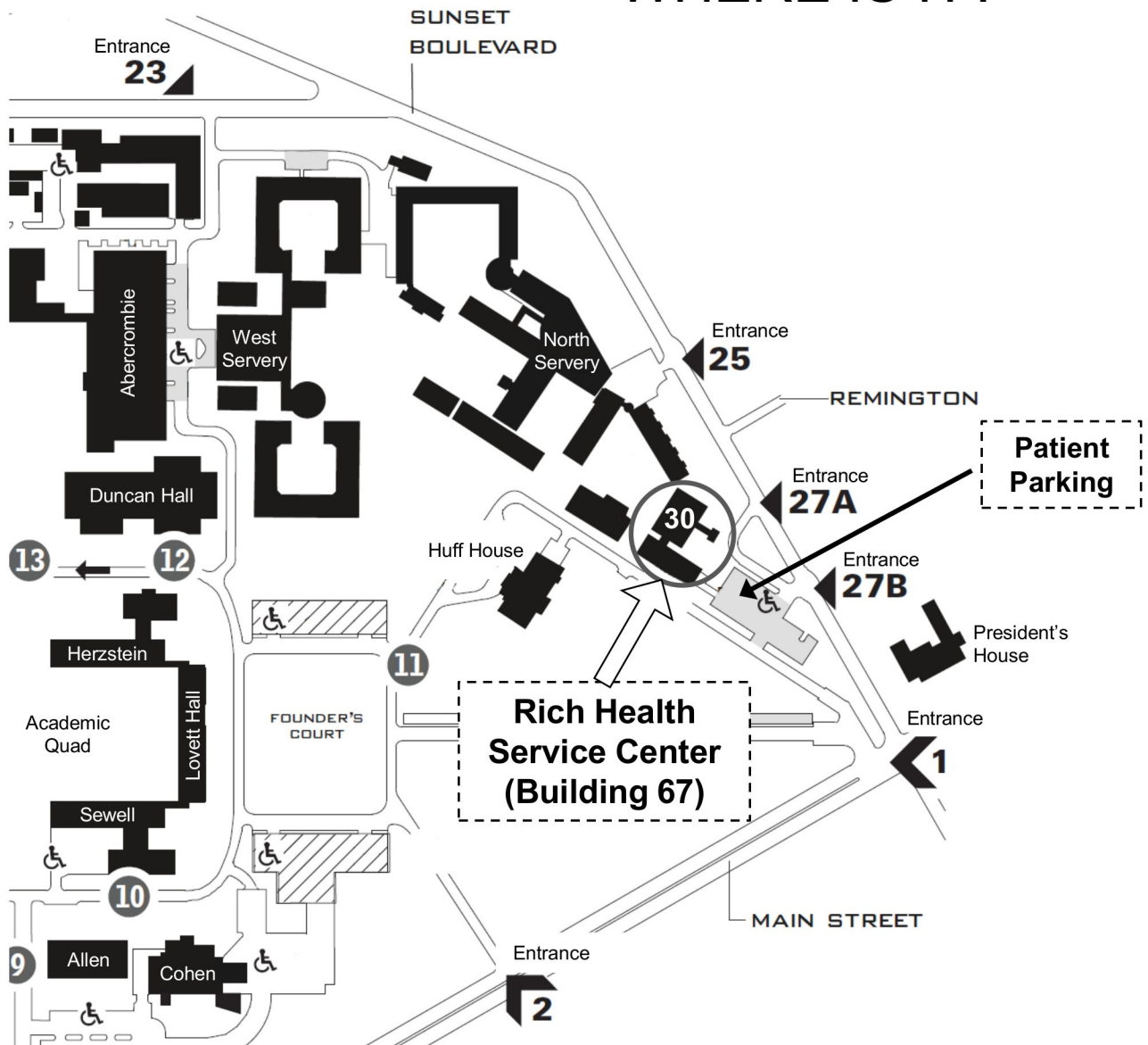
☎ : 713-441-2779 Location: 2615 Southwest Frwy


**BRING your health insurance card!**



*(Almost) all you need to know about the:*  
**STUDENT HEALTH CENTER**

**WHERE IS IT?**



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**LOCAL PHARMACIES**

Should you be given a prescription by your doctor, you can go to any of these pharmacies to fill it. Be sure to ask if a generic brand is available to save money!

**Walgreens:** 6400 Fannin St. 713-799-2459

*(You can walk there from campus!)*

**CVS:** Kirby Dr. @ Bolsover 713-522-3983

**CVS:** Kirby Dr. @ Main St. 713-660-8934

**Kroger's:** 7747 Kirby Dr. 713-661-7440

**HEB:** 5225 Buffalo Speedway 713-664-3426

**HEB:** 1701 W. Alabama St. 713-807-7293

**INSURANCE CONTACT INFORMATION**

On-campus e-mail: [studentinsurance@rice.edu](mailto:studentinsurance@rice.edu)

For claim inquiries, benefit information or for pre-certification: 1-877-375-7908

For prescription (Rx) services: 1-888-792-3862

*Have your health insurance card and Rice Student ID number ready when you call.*

For more general information, visit [aetnastudenthealth.com/rice](http://aetnastudenthealth.com/rice) or download the FREE Aetna Mobile app.



# Student Health Insurance

FALL 2017

OPEN  
ENROLLMENT

JULY 10 –  
SEPTEMBER 1

**All Students  
Must Take  
Action!**

Every degree seeking student is required to have health insurance coverage, compliant with the Affordable Care Act, while enrolled at Rice University.

Therefore, students must enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan, administered by Aetna Student Health, OR request a waiver of the student insurance, by demonstrating comparable insurance coverage.

**IMPORTANT:** All students that have not enrolled in coverage, or submitted the waiver by September 1, 2017, will automatically be enrolled in annual coverage and charged the premium (\$2575). Once you are enrolled in coverage, you cannot cancel for any reason.

## Instructions:

1. Visit [studenthealthinsurance.rice.edu](http://studenthealthinsurance.rice.edu) to review the plan details, view current rates, and other very important information
2. During the Open Enrollment period (July 10 – September 1), click on the link to enroll or waive coverage
3. Find the “Enroll/Waive” link on the left hand side of the Aetna portal
4. Follow the instructions based on your decision to enroll or waive
  - An insurance hold will appear on your student account until you satisfy the enrollment or waiver requirements. Once you satisfy the requirements, please allow 5-10 business days for the hold to be removed. This hold does not affect your ability to register for courses or restrict any other online activity.

## Visit our website to find information on:

- Current Rates
- Waiver Requirements
- FAQ's
- Vision/Dental Care Options
- Payroll Deduction
- Subsidy for Doctoral Students
- Learn Where to Seek Medical Help
- Insurance Terms
- Travel Assistance and Much More!!

## Contact Us!

**Phone: 713-348-5544**

**Fax: 713-348-5479**

**E-mail: [studentinsurance@rice.edu](mailto:studentinsurance@rice.edu)**

**We are located in the Memorial Hermann  
Medical Plaza, Suite 2600.**

**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00am–4:00pm**

*For all questions regarding the SAS Plan, please contact  
the Office of International Students and Scholars.*

# SPEAK UP ask for HELP

(713) 348-3311 24/7

wellbeing & counseling center

## TALK TO A WELLBEING ADVISOR

- Feeling Stressed
- Wanting guidance on time management, stress management, relationship issues, etc.
- Taking Time off and planning roadmap back to Rice

## TALK TO A CLINICAL COUNSELOR

- Feeling Distressed
- Something is affecting daily life
- Having trouble functioning
- Wanting clinical counseling

## TALK TO A TITLE IX NAVIGATOR

- Wanting to learn about the health of a relationship(s)
- Experienced sexual or domestic violence, sexual harassment, and/or stalking
- Wanting to discuss options for reporting and support
- Have been accused of violating the sexual misconduct policy

[wellbeingandcounseling.rice.edu](http://wellbeingandcounseling.rice.edu)

 @RiceStudentWellbeing

# I know someone in need of support.

How do I respond?

Who can I talk to?

ask yourself:

Do they need immediate **medical** or **psychiatric** attention and/or do you feel **threatened** or **believe** that anyone may be in **danger**?

## YES

Trust your gut. Call for help.

**RUPD/RICE EMS:** (713) 348-6000 (24/7)

**Wellbeing and Counseling Center:** (713) 348-3311 (24/7)

If it's urgent, but not life threatening (AND contact the student's **College Magisters**)

## NO, but they need help

**Wellbeing and Counseling Center:** (713) 348-3311 (24/7)

Support through issues affecting personal or academic goals, including sexual misconduct or other traumas.

**Student Health Services:** (713) 348-4966

Physical health concerns.

Contact their **College Magisters** for general concerns for an undergraduate.

## IN AN EMERGENCY

CALL RUPD  
IMMEDIATELY

(713) 348-6000 (24/7)

## NO, but they would like to talk to somebody

**Office of Academic Advising:** (713) 348-4060  
General academic concerns for undergraduates.

**Wellbeing and Counseling Center:** (713) 348-3311 (24/7)  
Support through issues affecting personal or academic goals, including sexual misconduct or other traumas.

**Student Judicial Programs (SJP):** (713) 348-4786  
Options for reporting potential code of conduct violations.

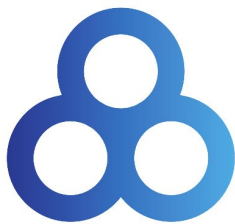
**Student Health Services:** (713) 348-4966  
Physical health concerns.

**Disability Support Services:** (713) 348-5841  
Accommodations for a disability.

**Office of Student Success Initiatives:** (713) 348-4495  
success@rice.edu  
Support undergraduate students develop skills at Rice.

**College Magisters or Dean of Undergraduates:**  
(713) 348-4996  
General support for undergraduate students.

**Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies:** (713) 348-4002  
General support for graduate students.



**wellbeing & counseling center**  
wellbeing advising, counseling, title ix support.

For more information,  
please visit: <http://wellbeingandcounseling.rice.edu>.  
Located in Gibbs Wellness Center  
Walk-ins welcome • M-F 9am-5pm



# Succeed! Workshops

## PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

### VISIT OUR WEBPAGE

<https://graduate.rice.edu/succeed>

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE SUCCEED LISTSERV

<https://mailman.rice.edu/mailman/listinfo/succeedworkshop>

ADD THE GPS PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR TO  
YOUR GOOGLE CALENDAR AT  
<http://graduate.rice.edu>

## UPCOMING FALL TOPICS

- Health and Wellbeing at Rice
- How to Succeed in Graduate School: Tips for New Graduate Students
- Careers in Public Policy
- Coping with Stress and Anxiety
- Time Management Skills
- Careers in Industry
- Graduate Faster: Learn to Think Strategically



# NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The NSF GRFP provides fellowships to individuals selected early in their graduate careers based on their demonstrated potential for significant achievements in science, technology, engineering, and math. The program provides three years of support (\$34,000 annual stipend) for research-based master's and doctoral degrees in a field within the NSF's mission. To learn more about the NSF GRFP, visit <https://www.nsfgrfp.org/>.

## WHY APPLY FOR THE NSF GRFP?



**FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT**



**RESEARCH  
INDEPENDENCE**



**TRAVEL  
ABROAD**



**DEVELOP  
COLLABORATIONS**



**PRESTIGE**



**IMPROVE YOUR  
GRANT WRITING**



**EXPAND YOUR  
NETWORK**



**TRAINING &  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

## NSF GRFP FELLOWSHIP RESOURCES

The office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies provides workshops, writing labs, and one-on-one mentoring to help you compose a competitive application. Questions? Contact Dr. Kiri Kilpatrick at [kiri.kilpatrick@rice.edu](mailto:kiri.kilpatrick@rice.edu).



### GRFP WORKSHOPS

#### GRFP INFORMATION SESSION\*

**August 24, 4-5pm, Keck 102**

Dr. Joff Silberg will provide an overview of the GRFP

\*Make-up session on August 30 from 4-5pm in Keck 102 with Dr. Kiri Kilpatrick

#### INCORPORATING REVIEWERS COMMENTS

**September 7, 4-5pm, Keck 102**

Learn more about what the reviewers are looking for

#### BROADER IMPACTS WORKSHOP

**September 21, 4-5pm, Keck 102**

Demonstrate leadership potential in your GRFP essays

#### GRFP WRITING CAMP

**October 9, 1-4pm, CWOVC, Fondren Library, 200**

A half-day workshop with quiet writing time and individual support from GRFP Mentors and Coaches.

**REGISTER TODAY!**

[GRADUATE.RICE.EDU/NSFGRFPWORKSHOPS](http://GRADUATE.RICE.EDU/NSFGRFPWORKSHOPS)



### GRFP COACHING

#### GRFP MENTORS

Current GRFP Fellows that can assist with guideline interpretation, brainstorming, and general application strategy.

#### GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP COACHES

Advanced graduate students trained in fellowship writing and editing that will provide specific feedback and direction on your GRFP application and revise advanced drafts.

Dates: **August 28 – October 20**

Location: **CWOVC, Fondren Library 200**

Sign up by **October 11** to be matched with a coach

Not on campus? Mentors and Coaches will video conference as well.

**SIGN UP!**

[GRADUATE.RICE.EDU/GRFPCOACHING](http://GRADUATE.RICE.EDU/GRFPCOACHING)

**MORE INFORMATION:** [graduate.rice.edu/nsfgrfp](http://graduate.rice.edu/nsfgrfp)

**CENTER FOR**  
**WRITTEN,**  
**ORAL** AND **VISUAL**  
**COMMUNICATION**



**C W O V C + ME**

A flow chart to determine whether or not you should visit Rice's Center for Written, Oral and Visual Communication (hint: **you should**)



**START HERE**



Looking to improve communication skills like... ?

**WRITING**



clarity, flow, organization

**PRESENTING**



organization, pacing, visuals

**DESIGNING**



slides, posters



Need feedback?



Need inspiration?



**MEET WITH A CONSULTANT**

- Feedback on papers, posters, and slides
- Coaching for oral presentations
- Assistance with preparing professional talks and materials

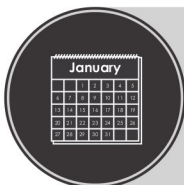


**ATTEND A WORKSHOP**

- Rotating skill-oriented workshops
- Monthly writing meet-ups
- Dissertation camps for Rice PhD candidates

**Definitely visit us!**

**GET STARTED AT THE CWOVC**



Schedule an appointment online:  
[cwovc.rice.edu](http://cwovc.rice.edu)

Location:  
 2nd Floor Mezzanine  
 Fondren Library





# THE DIGITAL MEDIA COMMONS (DMC)

SUPPORTING THE CREATION AND USE OF MULTIMEDIA IN EDUCATION, SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION

**DMC-INFO@RICE.EDU**

**(713) 348-3635**

**FONDREN B42**

[library.rice.edu/dmc](http://library.rice.edu/dmc)

## Check Out Equipment for Free \*

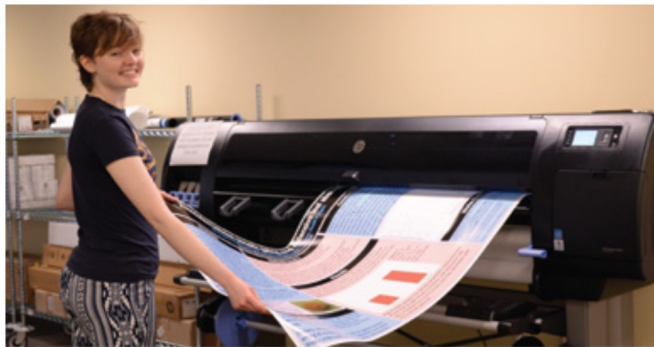
The equipment includes video camera, DSLR camera, prime/zoom lens, digital audio recorder, wireless/wired lavalier mic, shotgun mic, tripod, projector and more.



## Print and Scan

Print posters on canvas or semi-glossy paper\*\*

Scan photos/slides/films/documents\*\*\*



## Take a Short Course\*\*

Editing video with iMovie or Final Cut Pro

Creating a website with WordPress

Making a poster in PowerPoint

Organizing reference data with Zotero or EndNote

Fixing and enhancing images with Photoshop

And More

Take a free short course or request a special custom workshop for your class or group



## Use DMC Studios and Work Stations

One Audio Studio and one Video/Photography Studio\*

Six video stations, two audio stations, and seven graphics/scanning stations\*\*\*



## Get Assistance for Your Media Projects

Request an appointment with our staff\*

Fill out a faculty work request\*

Consult with our staff on your digital media project\*\*

Ask help when you are stuck\*\*\*



## Patron Services

\* Rice ID holders

\*\* Rice ID holders and Friends of Fondren members

\*\*\* Visitors



# RICE | CTE

Center for Teaching Excellence

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## Mission

The Center for Teaching Excellence at Rice University seeks to transform teaching through mentoring, innovative practices, collaboration, scholarship, and advocacy. The CTE actively engages faculty, staff, students, and community partners, and brings them into conversation to achieve excellence in teaching and learning.

## Coursework

For graduate students seeking careers in academia, the CTE offers a SACS-accredited Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning. This program prepares graduate students to become effective college teachers by combining formal classroom instruction with practical experience and one-on-one mentoring. To earn the certificate, students must complete the following four courses:

- **UNIV 500: Principles of Effective College Teaching**  
This course provides an overview of essential, research-based methods used by college instructors to enhance the quality of student learning. Topics will include course and syllabus design, student engagement, classroom management, and more. The course will culminate with the development of a teaching philosophy and a sample syllabus. 3 Credit Hours. Fall Only.
- **UNIV 501: Research on Teaching and Learning**  
This course explores scholarship on teaching and learning in detail with special attention to the breadth of approaches and methodologies. The culminating project will be a literature review in an area of interest. 3 Credit Hours. Spring Only.
- **UNIV 502: Practicum in College Teaching**  
This practicum allows students to design and deliver teaching demonstrations and to receive feedback on their work. The course will also focus on the place of teaching in the broader landscapes of higher education and the academic job market. 3 Credit Hours. Fall and Spring.
- **UNIV 599: Teaching Portfolio**  
This independent study serves as a capstone to the UNIV sequence on teaching and learning. Students will meet individually with the instructor to plan and complete a teaching portfolio. 2 Credit Hours. Fall and Spring.

## Annual Events

- Graduate TA Training (Fall)
- Graduate Instructor of Record Orientation (Fall)
- "What's New in Research on Teaching and Learning" Series (All Year)
- "Course Design Fundamentals" Series (All Year)
- Pedagogy Institute for Graduate Students (Fall)
- Symposium on Teaching and Learning (Spring)
- CTE Reading Group (Spring)
- Preparing for the Academic Job Market (Spring)
- Teaching Award Ceremony (Spring)





## Confidential Services and Support

- In-class observations of teaching
- Collection of mid-semester feedback from students (in class or online)
- One-on-one consultations on course design, instructional techniques, or assignment design
- One-on-one consultations on the role of teaching in the academic job market

## Further Opportunities

- Graduate Fellows Program
- Outstanding Graduate Instructor of Record Awards
- Graduate TA Award for Excellence in Student Support
- Graduate TA Award for Excellence in Course Support
- Serve as a Departmental Liaison to the CTE Graduate Advisory Board

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# GRADUATE STUDENT GUIDE TO COMPUTING SERVICES

## What computing accounts are setup for me?

<https://oit.rice.edu/services/accounts-access>

Once your information is complete in Rice's employee or student database, you can learn your assigned "NetID" and set your "NetID password," which are your account name and password for several campus computing systems.

ADRice	Used to log onto most office and lab computers on campus
Email	Rice email system
Canvas	Learning management system
VPN	Virtual private network provides secure transportation of data between a computer outside of Rice to the campus network
Google	Graduate students, faculty, and staff have access to Rice-only Google Apps like Docs, Calendar, Sites, and Groups
Esther	Campus administrative system (access with your employee/student ID and pin)

## How do I manage my email?

<https://oit.rice.edu/services/email-calendar>

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## How do I get computing help?

<http://helpdesk.rice.edu/>

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Monday - Friday  
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## What research computing resources are available?

<https://oit.rice.edu/research-computing>

The OIT Center for Research Computing (CRC) provides shared facilities and services to support researchers across Rice and is the primary contact for all research-related service inquiries. Operating best-in class on-premise shared facilities, the CRC can also facilitate access to regional, national, and commercial cloud facilities. The CRC provides user services and training as well as application and proposal consulting.

## How can I securely store my data?

<https://oit.rice.edu/services/storage-backup>

A variety of storage options are available for your data and OIT can offer guidance in selecting the system that meets your needs. Security is one of the most important considerations when comparing storage and collaboration solutions. Rice storage systems are appropriate for all classifications of data. While Rice-contracted cloud-based storage solutions (i.e. Box) may also be used, using them to store and share confidential university information requires data categorization, special security configurations, and monitoring (see also: <https://vpit.rice.edu/it-security/how-do-i/store-and-share-data-securely> and <https://kb.rice.edu/page.php?id=69392>) If you store your data on Rice storage or Box, your data is automatically backed up. If you store your data on a Rice-owned PC or Mac, we recommend Crashplan (requires annual fee) to back up your local data files.

## How do I protect our systems and information?

<https://vpit.rice.edu/it-security>

OIT can advise you on how to protect your systems and sensitive information as well as inform you on how to comply with policies and guidelines.

## What technologies are available to instructors?

<https://oit.rice.edu/teaching-learning>

Rice's learning management system is called Canvas. Instructional systems or "podiums" are available in 100 classrooms and six computer teaching labs across campus and enable instructors to teach using a variety of digital teaching tools. Training sessions on Canvas and podiums are held in the fall.

## How do I connect to the campus network?

<https://oit.rice.edu/services/networks-wireless>

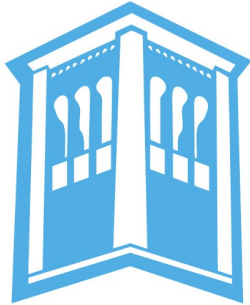
Rice's wired network is the most reliable way to connect to the internet on campus. To access it, use an ethernet cable to plug into the network port in your office. For wireless connections, use either Rice Owls, (encrypted and open only to the Rice community) or Rice Visitor (unencrypted and open to the public). If you are working from off campus, VPN gives you a secure connection to the campus network.

## Where can I learn more?

<https://oit.rice.edu>

OIT web sites contain much more information to get you started with new services. But always feel free to consult the OIT Help Desk for more information and advice and search the OIT KnowledgeBase (KB) at <https://kb.rice.edu>.





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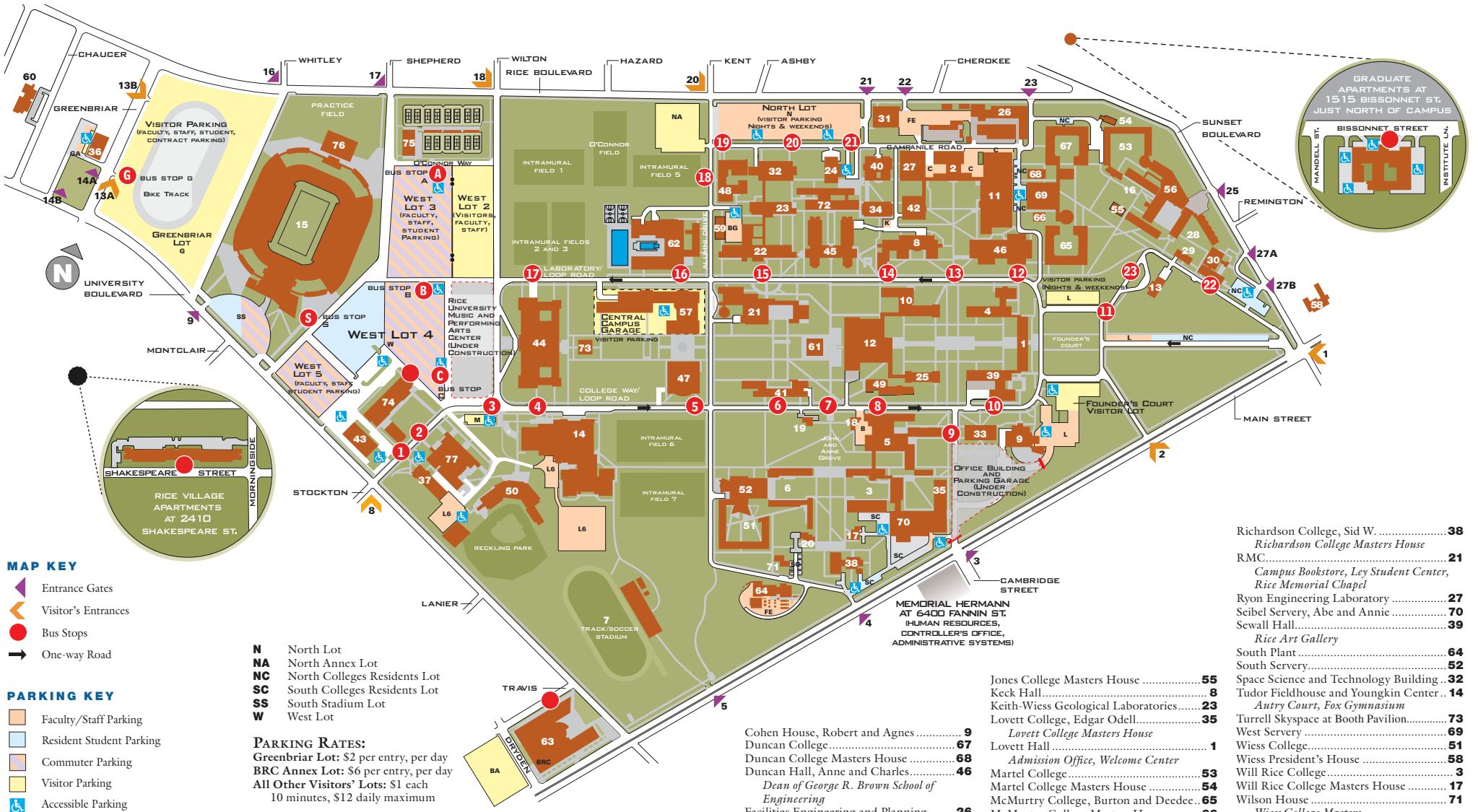
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- MAP KEY**
- Entrance Gates
  - Visitor's Entrances
  - Bus Stops
  - One-way Road

- PARKING KEY**
- Faculty/Staff Parking
  - Resident Student Parking
  - Commuter Parking
  - Visitor Parking
  - Accessible Parking

- PARKING LOTS:**
- B** Baker College-Housing & Dining Lot
  - BA** BioScience Research Collaborative (BRC) Annex
  - BG** Biology-Geology Lot
  - BRC** BioScience Research Collaborative Garage
  - C** Campanile Lot
  - CG** Central Campus Garage
  - FC** Founder's Court Visitor Lot
  - FE** Facilities, Engineering and Planning Lot
  - G** Greenbriar Lot
  - GA** Greenbriar Annex
  - K** Keck Lot
  - L** Lovett Lot
  - L6** Lot Six
  - M** Moody Lot

- N** North Lot
- NA** North Annex Lot
- NC** North Colleges Residents Lot
- SC** South Colleges Residents Lot
- SS** South Stadium Lot
- W** West Lot

**PARKING RATES:**  
 Greenbriar Lot: \$2 per entry, per day  
 BRC Annex Lot: \$6 per entry, per day  
 All Other Visitors' Lots: \$1 each  
 10 minutes, \$12 daily maximum

**PAYMENT METHODS:**  
 BioScience Research Collaborative Garage and Central Campus Garage: cash or credit card  
 BRC Annex, Founder's Court, Greenbriar Lot, North and West Lots Visitor Section: credit card

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