Opening Session in LaSells Stewart Center:

Keynote: Everything I wanted to know about graduate school at the beginning but didn’t learn until later - Jennifer Dennis, Associate Dean G.S.; Austin Auditorium

Starting a graduate program has different meaning to each of us. There are many opportunities for personal and professional growth as you contribute to our understanding of the world’s complex problems. But where to begin? Associate Dean Dennis reflects on her own graduate experience and offers tips and strategies for ensuring that you will succeed, and creating the support needed to thrive, during your journey.

Panel: Hot Topics in Academia - Rob Reff, Student Health Services; Breanne Taylor, University Ombuds Office; Carl Yeh, Student Conduct and Community Standards; TBD, Office of Equity and Inclusion; Austin Auditorium

The purpose of this panel is to provide graduate students with an understanding of hot topic issues at OSU. Topics include Oregon’s new marijuana laws, managing consensual relationships, communication with your faculty and students, ethics and academic professional standards and more.

Concurrent Sessions in CH2M Hill Alumni Center:

Coalition of Graduate Employees: Contract, Community, & Care – Thomas Morrill, facilitator; Stephanie Parreira, Zhian Kamvar, Shannon Andrews; Cascade Ballroom 110B, 3:00 PM

Join a panel of fellow graduate students from the union that represents you as a graduate employee. We'll share some of what we know about the highlights of the collectively bargained contract, how to build a community while at OSU, and tips for self-care and health care. Bring any questions you have to make this as interactive as possible!

Designing a Path for Success - Anita Azarenko, Associate Dean G.S.; Cascade Ballroom 110C, 2:00 PM

Want to thrive and flourish in graduate school? In this workshop you will learn of characteristics and activities of successful graduate students. You will be introduced to important milestones for academic progress and success.

Experience your new community! Fun things about OSU, Corvallis, Oregon and the Pacific Northwest - Malinda Shell, Student Health Services; Willamette Room 115A/B, 3:00 PM

Participants will learn about ways to stay active, healthy and engaged in the community. They will also learn about the culture of the area and get a visual tour of some of the natural wonders of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

Financing Your Graduate Education - Fran Saveriano, Finance Director G.S, Valery King, Jim Rivers, and Michele Lynam; Cascade Ballroom 110B, 1:00 and 2:00 PM

Whether you have funding, are looking for funding, or just have questions about the different funding resources and how each differs from the other, this session will provide information that can help you better understand the complexities of paying for your graduate studies. Join staff from the Graduate School and other affiliated departments to learn how to navigate the funding maze.
Getting the Ball Rolling: Writing As a Graduate Student - Dennis Bennett, Graduate Writing Center; Cascade Ballroom 110A, 3:00 PM
This workshop explores the transition issues that graduate students are likely to face as they move from the role of undergraduate knowledge consumers to graduate (and professional) knowledge producers. We will identify some of the most common issues that graduate students can expect to face and how the Graduate Writing Center can help them address those issues.

Maximizing Your Graduate Student Experience – Drew Hatlen- facilitator, Graduate Research Assistant G.S.; Cascade Ballroom 110A, 1:00 and 2:00 PM
Come and learn the why's and how's of maximizing your graduate student experience from current domestic and international OSU graduate students, representing a variety of programs and interests! This panel will take a holistic approach to graduate education, examining important (but often overlooked) components. The panel will consist of both masters and doctoral students, and will focus on how to maximize your education in preparation for career (academic and industry) while also focusing on how to get the most out of your personal experience here at OSU. The panel is intended to be a dynamic conversation between current and new grads, so come with your burning questions and ask your peers!

Student Health Insurance - Rachel Forslund, Student Health Services; Cascade Ballroom 110C, 3:00 PM
Participants will learn about the OSU Graduate Student insurance plans for domestic and international students, and coverage information for graduate assistants and graduate fellows. Topics covered vary from selecting a plan, family coverage, premiums, and enrollment requirements.

What it Takes to Get through Graduate School- Tori Byington- facilitator, Assistant Dean G.S.; Jennifer Dennis, Associate Dean G.S.; Angela Batista, Associate Vice Provost of Student Affairs; John Bliss, Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs, College of Forestry; Cascade Ballroom 110C, 1:00 PM
Graduate Education is much more than the professional experiences and knowledge gained while in school. It is also about interpersonal growth, introspection and reflection. This panel draws on the experiences and reflection of four scholars who each pursued differing career paths and what it takes to get through graduate school.