

New Graduate Student Checklist

Welcome to graduate school at GVSU! Below you will find important information about departments, websites, and resources you will need to start and continue your graduate education journey.

Academic Resources

The Graduate School

[The Graduate School](#) provides resources and support to graduate students in all of GVSU's badge, certificate, master's, and doctoral programs:

- [Graduate Student Resources](#).
- [Guidebooks for Graduate Students](#).
- [Masters and Doctoral Programs](#).
- [Policies and Procedures Manual for Graduate Education](#).

The Knowledge Market

The Knowledge Market is a combination of resources from the [University Libraries](#), [Fred Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors](#), [Speech Lab](#), and the [Data Inquiry Lab](#).

- [University Libraries](#): identify library liaisons, find database resources, and discover open access materials.
- [Writing Center](#): define and organize paper topic, outline paper, and utilize tools for citations and editing.
- [Speech Lab](#): prepare for individual or group presentations, outline topics, and draft professional speeches.
- [Make an appointment with the Knowledge Market](#).

Online Learning Resources

The university has a number of resources for online learning, including the following:

- [BlackBoard Support](#).
- [Contact the IT Helpdesk](#) at www.gvsu.edu/it/, helpdesk@gvsu.edu, or (616) 331-2101.
- [Online Learning Guide](#) from The Graduate School.
- [Tips for Online Learning](#) from The Knowledge Market.

Office of the Registrar

The [Office of the Registrar](#) provides assistance with registering for classes, maintaining the university's academic calendar and online catalog, [MyPath](#), and more:

- [Academic Calendar](#).
- [Online Catalog](#).
- [Registration Information and Tutorials on Banner](#).

Statistical Consulting Resources

- [Statistics Consulting Center](#).
- [Statistics Tutoring](#).

Writing Resources

- [Graduate Writing Resources](#) from The Graduate School.
- [Thesis and Dissertation Information](#): guidelines, resources, and workshop information.
- Fred Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors [graduate writing resources](#).

Disability Support Resources (DSR)

DSR is able to assist students with learning accommodations, referrals, and resources:

- [Disability Resource Services](#).

Virtual Orientation

[The Virtual Orientation website](#) has been designed to help students get started by introducing the services and resources for GVSU graduate students.

Campus Resources

Busing Transportation

[Bus routes and schedules.](#)

Campus Maps

[Campus Maps](#) for Allendale, Grand Rapids, Traverse City, and satellite locations.

[Virtual Tours](#) of the Allendale, Pew, and Health campuses.

Parking

[Purchase a parking permit, learn about commuter lots, and find campus parking maps.](#)

Financial Resources

Office of Financial Aid

The [Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships](#) has several resources to assist graduate students:

[Tuition Rates and Fees.](#)

[Search for scholarships.](#)

Financial support: [GVSU Financial Hardship Grant Request.](#)

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[Graduate Assistantships](#): provide students with part-time work, financial support, experience within their field of study, and an opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge in a professional setting.

[Presidential Research Grants](#): grant awards of up to \$1,500 are available to support the research projects of graduate students (intended as a one-time award during a graduate student's GVSU academic career).

[Academic Conference Fund](#): awards of up to \$600 (up to \$800 for international travel) will be given to those invited to present or perform at a conference/meeting.

GradSense

A resource from the [Council of Graduate Schools](#) that outlines how to budget for graduate school, transition financially from graduate school to a career, and information on repaying student loans.

Student Employment Office

A resource for [job-seeking students](#) and hosts an online jobs database called [Handshake](#) (Career Center).

[How to use Handshake.](#)

International Student Resources

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[Welcome International Graduate Students!](#)

Padnos International Center

The [Padnos International Center](#) acts as a home away from home for international students.

[International Student Expectations](#) are provided through the Padnos International Center.

Contact the [International Student Services \(ISS\) Team](#) with questions.

Professional Resources

GVSU Career Center

- Student employment, internships, and entry-level positions are available on [Handshake](#).
- [Graduate student resources](#) for career exploration and job searches.
- Assistance with [Resumes and Cover Letters](#) as well as [Interviewing and Networking](#).

Laker Lifetime Learning (L3) Commitment

- L3 is a comprehensive and holistic [network of services and resources](#) that reinforce GVSU's commitment to the continued learning of GVSU alumni, including financial resources, career support, and alumni networking.
- [Digital badges, online certificates, and other career-advancing programs](#) are also available.

PACES

- [PACES](#) (Professionalism, Advancement, Communication, Engagement, Success) is an [online repository of resources and information](#) to assist graduate students with all facets of their graduate study journey.
- [PACES on Pinterest](#).

Social Resources

Graduate Student Association (GSA)

The GSA seeks to foster the intellectual, professional, and social development of the graduate student community. GSA advocates for and is the primary voice for graduate students at GVSU:

- Visit the [GSA website](#) for information on [events and opportunities](#).
- Follow [GSA on Facebook](#).

Registered Student Organizations

There are numerous Graduate Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) available for graduate students to join for professional development and socialization with other graduate students.

- [Current list of Graduate RSOs](#) and information on how to join.

Social Justice Centers

GVSU has social justice centers and programs to serve students:

- [Campus Interfaith Resources](#).
- [Gayle R. Davis Center for Women and Gender Equity](#).
- [Milton E. Ford LGBT Resource Center](#).
- [Office of Multicultural Affairs](#).
- [Social Justice Education and Training](#).

Veterans Resources

- [GVSU Veterans Network](#).
- [Grand Valley Veterans Network Group on Facebook](#).
- For additional information, please contact Jill Wolfe at 616-331-3668 or wolfeji@gvsu.edu.

Health Resources

- [Health Resources for GVSU students](#) from The Graduate School.
- The [Mental Health and Wellbeing Index](#) contains a searchable database of GVSU programs, training modules, and other resources in eight categories of wellness: emotional, environmental, financial, intellectual, physical, occupational, social, and spiritual.