New Student Checklist

☐ Make sure you have cleared any remaining admissions holds.

☐ Comply with immunization requirements from the Wellness Center.

☐ Apply for loans or other federal financial aid options. (For inquiries regarding university fellowships or grants, please see your academic department.)

☐ Activate your CUNYFirst Account and set up CUNYFirst direct deposit if you have financial aid funding.

☐ Activate your Graduate Center Account. Please see this link for information about your different accounts.

☐ If you are an International Student, be sure to check in with the Office of International Students and make arrangements to attend the International Student Orientation session.

☐ If you have a disability and would like to discuss accommodations for the upcoming semester, please visit the Student Disability Services webpage or contact Clare Wilson at Cwilson1@gc.cuny.edu.

☐ Find out about your program’s registration and advisement procedures in order to register for classes. Registration for new students begins August 17, 2020.

☐ If your tuition is not covered by a fellowship, you can pay your bill at the Bursar’s Office or Online.

☐ Sign up to receive Graduate Center emergency or weather-related text and voice alerts via your cell, home phone or email. Sign up for CUNY Alert at http://www.cuny.edu/alert.

☐ Learn more about the GC and CUNY’s Title IX policy.

☐ Check out the borrowing guide to find out how to access library resources: https://libguides.gc.cuny.edu/access/borrowing

☐ Learn about using your GC computer and email account.

☐ ID Cards - TBD

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SPARC Training should be completed within your first semester. It is recommended that you take a screen-capture of the completion screen for your records, and in case it is requested that you confirm completion.

If you have a fellowship with a Graduate Assistantship, complete and upload the forms available in One Stop Services. For information about NYSHIP Insurance, please see the 2020 NYSHIP Benefits document, the sample enrollment form, and the coverage and provider list. Review New Hire Information for Graduate Assistants from Human Resources.

If you have a fellowship with a Graduate Assistantship, you are eligible to join the Professional Staff Congress (PSC), the union that represents 30,000 faculty and staff at CUNY and the CUNY Research Foundation. To become a member of the union, you must sign a membership authorization card online.