Important Dates

July 9
● Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a W grade

July 13
● Final error free ETD deadline
● Fall enrollment opens back up for students

July 24
● Last day of Summer II classes

July 27
● Final Exams (July 27-28)
● ETD committee approval deadline

July 28
● Summer graduation day - the day degrees are conferred for summer graduates

July 30
● Summer II grades due

August 3
● NEW DGP/GSC summer workshop part 1 - Focus on Student Records (SIS) & Admissions (Slate)

August 4
● NEW DGP/GSC summer workshop part 2 - Focus on Assistantships (NextGen), GSSP & Technology

August 5
● International student orientation

August 6
● New TA training workshop

August 10
● 1st day of fall classes

New Graduate School Liaison
Nathasia Jones (nbjones4@ncsu.edu) has joined our Graduate School team. She will be the Graduate School Liaison for the following colleges: Education, Management, Natural Resources, in addition to all Graduate Certificate programs. Nathasia is replacing Dare, who moved into the Graduate Student Support Plan Manager role.

Fall 2020 Enrollment Updates
As announced by Registration & Records at the beginning of the month, enrollment for the fall semester is currently paused as they work to make changes to the class schedule based on health and safety needs and adjustments to the academic calendar. At that time, they stated enrollment would reopen in early July. However, this date has changed. The current plan is to reopen enrollment for students on the following dates, which will be updated in MyPack Portal next week and visible to both students and advisors:

● New freshmen, new transfers, and graduate students: Monday, July 13
● All remaining degree-seeking students: Monday, July 20
● Non-degree studies students (open-enrollment): Monday, July 27

The fall schedule is still being finalized and is evolving to encourage more face-to-face class offerings. Students were notified of this update on Monday, June 29.

New Fall Graduation Date
Based on the earlier term start date in the fall, the date when fall degrees will be conferred has changed to December 4th

Residency Date
The System Office has decided to amend the required cut-off for applying to the residency determination system (RDS) to be 45 days from the institution’s start of term. This is a shift from the previous 30-day cut-off rule. This uniform 45-day cut-off will be implemented at all UNC institutions for fall 2020 through spring 2021. For fall the date will be 9/24/2020.
New DGP/GSC Workshop
This year the workshop for NEW Directors of Graduate Programs (DGP)/Graduate Service Coordinator (GSC) will take place via zoom meetings. Due to the format, we have split the training into 2 hour blocks over 2 days. The workshops will take place August 3rd and August 4th from 10am-noon. All NEW DGPs/GSCs should plan to attend both sessions.
The August 3rd training will focus on student records, the student information system (SIS), and Admissions (Slate). The August 4 training will focus on assistantship appointments (NextGen), Graduate Student Support Plan (GSSP) and website information.

Admissions Requirements
Many departments have asked about GRE scores being required. The Graduate School does not require GRE scores, that is a departmental decision. The following link pulls information from our programs website page and indicates which programs require standardized test scores:
https://www.grad.ncsu.edu/calendar/scripts/all_programs_printable.asp

Graduate Student Support Plan (GSSP)
Receiving GSSP Sponsorship/Benefits
Please remember that no GSSP sponsorship/benefits will apply to a student’s billing account until all GSSP eligibility requirements are actively met in SIS and HR. Please see the handout below for a one-page GSSP eligibility summary (checklist).
GSSP Eligibility Summary (Checklist)
If a GSSP benefit (tuition or health insurance) has not applied to a student’s billing account, it is likely that one or more of the GSSP eligibility requirements are not met in the system (qualifying assistantships have to be approved through the “final approval” level).

When all eligibility requirements are met in HR and SIS, applicable GSSP benefits should apply to the student’s billing account within 24-48 hrs. If you (DGP or GSC) find that applicable GSSP benefits have not applied to the student’s billing account and (1) all GSSP eligibility requirements are actively met in HR (assistantships approved through the Final Approval level) and SIS (full-time enrollment), AND (2) it’s been more than 24-48 hrs since all requirements were actively met, please contact the GSSP Office (ncstate-gssp@ncsu.edu) for further assistance.

For more information regarding the GSSP, please see the websites below.
GSSP for Students -- go.ncsu.edu/gssp
GSSP for Administrators -- go.ncsu.edu/gssp-admin

Important Update for the 2020-2021 RA-TA Health Insurance Benefit Period for STUDENTS from BCBS:
If you were previously enrolled on a Student Blue plan and enroll again this year, you will receive a new insurance card with a new policy number and group number. Starting on 8/1/2020, you must use your new policy number and group number when receiving services. Once enrolled, your new insurance card will also be accessible on your Blue Connect account. For additional information regarding Blue Connect, please see the Blue Connect Fact Sheet. It is imperative for student's to update their address in the MyPack Portal so that insurance cards will be mailed to their appropriate address.

Graduate Assistantships
Update – Payroll Deduction for Student Fees
Regrettably, we will not be able to offer the payroll deduction option for student fees to qualifying graduate students on a fellowship appointment as previously announced. Continued discussion with our campus partners revealed some of the complexities behind the process that does not make this option feasible to students on fellowship appointments. Therefore, only qualifying graduate students with an active graduate assistantship will have access to this benefit. Students on a fellowship appointment can still enroll in the University’s monthly payment plan to pay their education expenses including student fees. We expect to go live with the payroll...
deduction option for student fees the week of July 6th and will provide departments with further details to include a help guide for navigation through the student accounts tile within their MyPack portal.

No Annual Graduate HR Representative Meeting  
This meeting which usually focuses on preparing departments and colleges for appointing graduate assistantships and fellowships, will NOT be held in-person or conducted online this July. We will instead post information pertaining to best practices and updates on things you need to know to appoint a graduate student on our Student Funding webpage later this month. Important reminders will continue to be sent through the Graduate HR Listserv.

NextGen Appointments  
- As a general rule, make sure that all of your appointments are entered prior to the start date.  
- NextGen allows actions to be entered up to 60 days prior to the start date of the appointment. For August 5th hires, the 60-day window opened on Saturday, June 6th.  
- Auto-Term rows are entered Wednesday night, three weeks prior to the expected job end dates.  
- Rehires cannot be entered until after the separation is entered and modifications must be entered prior to the auto-term.  
- The new 2020-21 Auto-Term calendar is almost complete and will be circulated by next week in another communication but here is the link to the current schedule to be updated.

Payroll  
The 2020-21 Bi-weekly and Monthly Payroll schedules can be found among the forms for Payroll Coordinators on the University Controller’s Office website. Please distribute to appropriate staff within your college or department.

Fellowships  
- The 2020-21 fellowship request form is available on our Graduate School Forms webpage.  
- The first disbursement is August 20th and award forms are due no later than the 15th of the month to grad-fellowships@ncsu.edu be paid on time.

Professional Development Consultations  
The Graduate School Professional Development Team is happy to offer one-on-one virtual consultations regarding writing, teaching, career exploration, faculty job searches and more, via Zoom video conferencing. Graduate students and postdoc trainees can schedule appointments with Vanessa Doriott Anderson (Senior Director of Teaching and Communication Programs), Katie Homar (Director of Academic and Engineering Writing Support), Chris Smith (Postdoctoral Affairs Program Manager), and Joe Aldinger (Director of Accelerate to Industry) by clicking their names to see available meeting times. Please share these schedules with your scholars.

New to ImpACKful Blog: Academic Packways Series  
With the typical faculty application cycle beginning in the fall, now is a great time for your trainees to get their application materials ready! We share tips on constructing some of the necessary documents required for any faculty application in the Academic Packways series of blog posts.

New Teaching Assistant (TA) Workshop  
The New TA Workshop is going virtual this year! We will hold synchronous morning sessions on Thursday, Aug. 6 (plenary sessions) and Friday, Aug. 7 (breakout sessions). In addition to providing an overview of best practices, the workshop aims to increase participants’ classroom confidence and connect them to resources they can draw on in the future, whether in face-to-face, virtual or hybrid modes of instruction. We will release more details when registration opens in early July. Contact Stella Jackman-Ryan with questions.

Teaching and Communication Summer Workshops  
There are still spaces available in the following summer workshops: How to Avoid Death by PowerPoint, How to Write a Statement of Teaching Philosophy, How to Deliver a Job Talk, How to Manage Conflict in the Classroom, and How to Process Your Course Evaluations, All graduate students and postdocs are welcome to participate. For more information and to register, please click on the name of the workshop.