

Important Dates

September 6

- Labor Day - the university is closed

September 8

- Orientation GSA social

New Graduate Student Online Orientation

The fall 2021 orientation modules are now open in Moodle. Please remind your new students to complete the online orientation by Sept. 30.

International Student Recruitment

Hayley Hardenbrook is the new International Admissions & Recruitment Specialist for the Graduate School. This position combines the previous admissions duties with a new initiative to strategically recruit diverse international graduate students to the university. Any department currently working on recruiting initiatives or interested in collaborating on international recruitment is encouraged to contact Hayley directly at hdharden@ncsu.edu.

Admissions - Slate Updates

In August we implemented a Slate integration with ETS. Moving forward, when TOEFL and GRE scores are loaded in Slate, you will see a tab on the left when you are in the Reader, if they have GRE and/or TOEFL scores loaded after the implementation. This will allow you to hear speaking samples and read writing samples from their TOEFL score report and to read essays from their GRE score report.

- TOEFL

The screenshot shows the Slate interface for a student with ID 2228 - CSC. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Dashboard, Application, Transcript, Enrollment, TOEFL Scor... (highlighted with a red box), GRE Score..., Personal St..., Resume/CV, Recommen..., Other Docs, ABM Plan o..., Pre- Review, Dept Review, DGP Review, Exceptions, and Enrollment ...

The main content area displays TOEFL scores for the test date 07/03/2021. The scores are: Total Score (0-120) 90, Reading (0-30) 19, Listening (0-30) 24, Speaking (0-30) 24, and Writing (0-30) 23. Below this, MyBest® Scores are shown for the date 07/07/2021, with the same section scores. Information about TOEFL iBT Test Scores is provided, including a note that scores for the TOEFL iBT® test consist of four section scores and a total score.

At the bottom, there are two tabs: Speaking Samples and Writing Samples. The Speaking Samples tab is active, showing Sample 1 with a description: "Represents a response from the test taker's selected test date". A red arrow points to the "Speaking Samples" tab, and another red arrow points to the "Sample 1" description. A red arrow also points to the "Writing Samples" tab. Below the samples, there is a text box containing the sentence: "News is basically sharing of information. A trustworthy news source is the one which shows news with no bias towards any person or group. I think getting the information".

- GRE

slate 2228 - CSC Search...

Test Date: 07-06-2021 | General Test

View Photo

View Scores

Verbal Reasoning	Quantitative Reasoning	Analytical Writing
Your Scaled Score: 148	Your Scaled Score: 166	Your Score: 3.0
130 ————— 170	130 ————— 170	0 ————— 6
35th Percentile	86th Percentile	13th Percentile

View Essays

Analyze an Issue Task

Analyze an Argument Task

Add to Queue Displaying Copy

GSSP

The GSSP process has been turned off for Fall 2021. This means that students who did not meet [all minimum requirements](#) by Census will not see the tuition award on their account or be added to the RA-TA plan, as the student does not qualify for GSSP benefits if requirements are met after this date (8/28/2021). We are currently only accepting GSSP exceptions for extreme situations in Fall 2021. Exceptions submitted prior to Census should have a final decision soon.

All eligible students have been reported to Blue Cross Blue Shield for enrollment in the RA-TA health insurance plan. Enrollments should be finalized soon. To confirm that a student has been reported to BCBS as being on the RA-TA plan for Fall 2021, check the "insurance" tab on grad support. As long as there is a row for August 2021 that lists a status other than "drop", the student information has been sent to BCBS. The mandatory health insurance fee should also be removed from the student account. Students may call BCBS at 1-800-579-8022 for more information, but they should be aware that if their insurance has not been processed, customer service at BCBS may not recognize them as being active on the RA-TA plan.

Please [notify](#) the GSSP manager if a salary distribution occurs after Census that impacts [slot](#) accounts.

Graduate Assistantships

September Bi-weekly Payroll Deadlines

Deadlines for timesheets or any job data adjustments to be entered into the HR system for bi-weekly payroll during the Month of August prior to lockout:

20222R06 (8/21/2021-9/3/2021) on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 5:00 PM
20222R07 (9/4/2021-9/17/2021) on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 5:00 PM

If you become aware of an overpayment during lockout, please contact Richard Corley by email at rbcorley@ncsu.edu.

Graduate Student Social

The Graduate Student Association (GSA), along with the Graduate School, is hosting a social for all newly enrolled summer and fall 2021 graduate students on Sept. 8 from 5-8 p.m. outside in the breezeway directly behind the Graduate School. There will be food, Howling Cow ice cream, t-shirts and raffle prizes.

Seeking Competitors for Fall 2021 Virtual 3MT Prelims: Please encourage your graduate students to submit a video to our 3MT preliminary tryouts by **September 13** for a chance to be a finalist in our livestreamed 3MT contest on October 26! We are looking for contestants who have done enough research on an independent project to explain the goals and potential impact of their work to a broad audience. Visit [our 3MT home page](#) for more information or contact Dr. Katie Homar on the Graduate School Professional Development Team (kshomar@ncsu.edu) with questions.

Virtual 3MT Contest-Save the Date: Join the Graduate School at our 7th annual Three Minute Thesis contest on October 26 at 1 p.m. (eastern time) via Youtube livestream. Cheer on your trainees and vote for your favorite speaker in a live People's Choice contest. Visit [our page](#) for details, or contact Dr. Katie Homar on the Graduate School Professional Development Team (kshomar@ncsu.edu) with questions.

A2i Professional Photo Opportunities

A2i is offering a free professional photo opportunity to all Master's Students, Doctoral Students, and Postdocs. Please sign up for one individual slot in the appointment calendar on the designated times/day.

October 4, 2021 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

October 15, 2021 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

An additional date TBA

Location: Copper wolves on central campus

Dress is up to you. Our advice is to consider where this photo will be used (portfolios, headshots, etc.) and if so it should be business formal or business casual.

Arrive 10 minutes early to check in. Your photo, check-in, and wait will be roughly 20-25 minutes. Please plan accordingly.

Register/sign up [here](#)

A2i Job Search Strategies Fall 2021: This module of A2i provides participants with an introduction to application materials and career pathways available in industry. Topics covered will include the job market and economic development, corporate culture, career wellness, how to navigate career pathways, communication, career exploration, portfolio development, etc. Speakers will span companies around the United States.

Virtual Series

Open to: Master's Students, Doctoral Students, and Postdocs

September 29 through October 14, 2021

Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

To register and see other fall offerings please visit [A2i's Student Page](#)