Fall 2021 Chemistry and Biochemistry Graduate Class:

We look forward to your arrival in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Georgia Tech this fall. Graduate Orientation for our department and the campus **will begin on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021.** As of right now, GaTech is expected to start back fully in person for Fall 2021.We will be incorporating parts of the campus-wide graduate orientation into our schedule, but will be offering a unique and specific program for our department, **thus be sure to arrive on Tuesday morning in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry located in the Molecular Science and Engineering Bldg, Room TBD.**

A tentative schedule for this orientation can be found at:

<https://chemistry.gatech.edu/chemistry-and-biochemistry-graduate-student-orientation> .

**In lieu of paper mail out of this letter, please confirm receipt of this email by rsvp at this website**.

\*Note: We will pre-register you for the campus-wide orientation so no need to do that: <http://grad.gatech.edu/orientation-gradexpo>

Prior to your arrival, if you are considering on-campus housing for Fall semester, we recommend you complete an application as soon as possible:

On Campus Housing: <http://housing.gatech.edu/move-in-graduate>

<http://housing.gatech.edu/events/new-graduate-student-guaranteed-housing-deadline>

For off campus housing, please check out [www.promove.net](http://www.promove.net/) (Free Apt Locator Service in Atlanta) Roommates: Please see the orientation link above for ads by current students; you are also welcome to email fellow incoming students (see pdf on the orientation link) or this email list (all incoming CHEM graduate students = fallchemgrad@lists.gatech.edu ).

Parking: <http://www.parking.gatech.edu/>Please visit the Department of Parking and Transportation website for your parking permit. Note: If you plan to commute to campus, we recommend parking lots: W23 or E40 (closest to Chemistry and Biochemistry Bldgs). Parking maps are available at the above site.

For those of you who will be working as a Teaching or Research Assistant, you will be required to complete personnel paperwork and provide a picture I.D. and social security card during orientation Representatives from the Social Security Administration will be present during orientation for those international students which need to apply for a card. If you are a resident or nonresident alien, appropriate documentation must be submitted during the employment process.

* Nonresident graduate student employees must have: (l) passport, (2) visa, (3) I-94, (4)I-20 or IAP-66.
* Permanent Resident graduate student employees must have the resident alien card "green card."

<https://grad.gatech.edu/checklist>

In order to facilitate matriculation into Georgia Tech, you are required to mail your medical entrance forms (available from  [[Immunization Forms​](http://health.gatech.edu/immunization/Documents/immunization-forms.pdf)](http://health.gatech.edu/new_students/Pages/default.aspx) ) and have your final transcripts sent to the below addresses:

Mail your Medical Entrance Forms to: Have your final transcripts mailed to (): (or bring them when you arrive) (showing degree and date earned)

Medical Records Graduate Enrollment Services

Student Health Services 631 Cherry Street, Room 318

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Academic advisement and course registration will take place during orientation. Students who have completed graduate coursework at a US institution may be eligible for transfer credit. To be considered for possible transfer credit towards academic PhD requirements, please email me a detailed syllabus by August 1 for review and consideration. All graduate research and teaching assistants are expected to enroll in two or three lecture-based graduate classes in the Fall term.

A list of prerequisite topics (listed by traditional areas of chemistry) for graduate courses will be emailed in late June/early July. Students are **highly** encouraged to review prerequisite topics within their major area of study and a second area of study. Students will also complete a self-diagnostic test (not placement test) to assist with fall advisement and course selection. Questions (approximately 15-20) will cover fundamental undergraduate questions from the student’s intended major area of study.

We look forward to having you join our graduate program this fall. Please email (Kenyetta.Johnson@chemistry.gatech.edu) or call (404-894-8227) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kenyetta Johnson, Ph.D.

Director of Graduate Studies Academic Programs Office