

August 2009

Information for September 2009

Welcome to the Department of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour at McMaster University. Below is information about your registration for this fall.

1. September 2009 Registration

Late Registration is Saturday August 1 to Tuesday September 8, 2009

* A \$50 late fee now applies if you have not successfully registered.

Further information about September 2009 Registration can be found at:

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/solarinfo.html>

2. Orientation

The Department has arranged an orientation session. This will take place on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in our lounge PC-205A/B. Here you will be introduced to your two grad reps – Maria D'Angelo and Adam Sparks. Your picture will be taken, light snack provided.

3. Teaching Assistantship Information and T.A. Day

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

The McMaster University Centre for Leadership in Learning will present workshops and a welcome program for teaching assistants. It is available to all new and returning graduate students. New graduate students with a teaching assistantship are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information, please visit their web sites:

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/cll/for.tas/index.html> and

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/cll/programs.and.services/ta.program/ta.day/2009/index.html>

4. Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour Wine & Cheese Reception

Location: Our Lounge, 205A/B

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

If you cannot attend please let Nancy know asap.

5. Conditional Admission

If your offer was conditional, please arrange for a final transcript to be forwarded to the School of Graduate Studies, as soon as possible. Students with conditional offers of admission will not be permitted to fully complete their registration unless the condition has been successfully cleared prior to the registration deadlines (final deadline is September 30, 2009 to the School of Graduate Studies).

6. Student cards and stickers are now available in the main office, PC-102

7. Graduate Courses

You should register for 720 & 710 as well as the mandatory ethics course offered through the School of Graduate Studies, SGS-101. If you are coming in with a masters, you may be exempt from these two courses but please contact your Supervisor to confirm. Course outlines will be available in September. The final date to add courses for Term 1 is September 30.

8. Graduate Offices

Please contact myself Nancy Riddell or Wendy Selbie to find out your office number. A deposit of \$10.00 for keys and \$10 for a security card is required (money will be refunded when returned).

9. Graduate Student Mailboxes

Mailboxes are located on the main floor of the Psychology building rm 112, right hand side.

10. Photocopy Accounts

We have a photocopier available for your use in the department. It is located on the first floor across from the vending machines. Please see Wendy Selbie to set up an account. The cost is 5 cents a copy and you will be billed monthly.

11. Graduate Student Income

Graduate student income, i.e. teaching assistantship, department and other scholarship(s) are paid to you monthly via direct deposit. Direct deposit is mandatory for all graduate students a void cheque will need to be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies when you arrive. After tuition and other deductions such as taxes, CUPE and dental plan premiums are deducted your remaining net income will be directly deposited into your account. It is necessary that you have a Social Insurance Number (SIN) in order to get paid. For information on how to apply for SIN in person, please visit <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sin/apply/how.html> . International students should apply for SIN as soon as possible after their arrival in Canada.

Further information can be found at: <http://www.mcmaster.ca/graduate/current.html>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sept 8	New Graduate Student Welcome **you should have received an invitation letter from Peter George	David Braley Athletic Ctr 12:00- 2:00
Sept 9	Graduate Student Day McMaster Centre for Leadership in Learning	Burke Science Building – first floor 8:00am – registration begins
Sept 9	Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour Orientation	Psychology Lounge PC – 205 A/B 3:00pm
Sept 9	Welcome Party BBQ	Phoenix Restaurant and Bar 5:30-8:00pm
Sept 16	Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception	Psychology Lounge PC – 205 A/B 3:30pm
Sept 26	Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour Annual Corn Roast	TBA