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## GWSB Pre-Arrival Newsletter Week 5: Campus Life and Resources

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## G&EE Pre-Arrival Newsletter Five: Campus Life & Resources

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Welcome to Washington, D.C!

A diverse and international city, Washington D.C. is full of opportunities to explore, learn and connect. As a GW student living in the D.C. area, you can take advantage of the many events and activities that are offered both on and off-campus.

Everyday, GW's campus is [full of events](#) that are hosted by professors, staff, and student organizations.

Off-campus, you will find that D.C. offers more social, historical, and cultural activities than you could ever imagine! For example, there are



free nightly musical and cultural performances at the [John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts](#). There are also seventeen [Smithsonian Museums](#) in the D.C. area that offer free admission! On a sunny afternoon, you can also take a walk down the [National Mall](#) and explore D.C.'s many monuments and memorials.

Finally, GW is the perfect place to grow academically, emotionally, and intellectually. In this final pre-orientation newsletter, you will find helpful information pertaining to on-campus resources and methods of creating your own community here at GW.

As always, if you have any questions, please email me at [sbglobal@gwu.edu](mailto:sbglobal@gwu.edu).

Best,

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## On-Campus Resources

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The George Washington University is an institution where you'll learn both in and out of the classroom. Together, students, faculty, and staff create a diverse campus environment that incorporates perspectives from more than 130 countries around the world. As a student at GW, you have a wealth of resources available to you - some of the stand-out ones are listed below!

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### Libraries



[GW Libraries](#) provide many of the services and resources you need to be successful in your learning and research endeavors.

The main GW Library, Gelman Library, is located on

the Foggy Bottom campus (right across the street from the School of Business!) and is open 24/7 to GW Students when classes are in session.

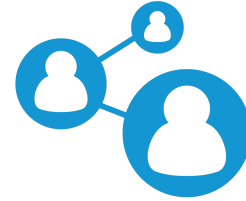
Gelman provides a [variety of study areas](#) to meet the needs of different types of learners, as well as classrooms and access to specialized tools and resources.

At GW's libraries, you can also:

- Chat with a librarian via [instant message/chat](#), [email](#), or [by appointment](#).
- Get research and technology assistance at the ["Ask Us"](#) page.
- Meet with a consultant at the [GW Writing Center](#). The Writing Center is an open, welcoming, professional environment where students can receive dedicated attention to their writing and research projects.

## Student Organizations

[Student organizations](#) are a vibrant part of life at GW! Assembled under a variety of causes and interests, student organizations exist to give GW students the opportunity to enrich their co-curricular experience through a diverse array of student activities.



There are over 500 active student organizations at GW! A full list of clubs and organizations specifically oriented towards GWSB graduate students can be found [here](#).

You can also explore student organizations by logging-in to your [GW Engage Account](#).

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## Career Services

As international students on an F-1 or J-1 visa, you have additional things to consider when seeking employment during or after your time at GW. As a first step, we encourage you to review the information below, and if you have any questions, please let us know.

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### F. David Fowler Career Center



The [F. David Fowler Career Center](#) supports international students' career and employment goals through its programs and services. This includes targeted initiatives that help students to identify their career interests and build job search skills to successfully pursue employment in the U.S., their home country, or elsewhere.

At the Fowler Career Center, you can:

- [Explore the Career Center's Graduate Career Resources page, which is a curated list of resources for GWSB graduate students.](#)
- [Make an appointment](#) with a Career Consultant to receive insights into how to achieve your career goals, review your resume, or prepare for an interview!

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## On-Campus Employment

GW hires more than 5,600 students to work on campus each year. Working on campus is a great way to build relationships with GW faculty and staff and gain career-enhancing skills and experiences.



In order to work on-campus, students must: 1) Be enrolled as a full-time student on an **F-1 visa**, and 2) Be making **satisfactory progress** towards a degree.

Please also note the following important information related to on-campus employment:

- If you are enrolled as a student on a **J-1 visa**, you **must receive approval from the ISO prior to working on-campus**. For more information about working on-campus as a J-1 visa-holder, please contact the ISO directly at [iso@gwu.edu](mailto:iso@gwu.edu).
- Students participating in a Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) or Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) may not participate in any on-campus employment other than their GTA or GRA.
- Graduate students receiving stipends from GW must receive permission from the Office of Graduate Student Assistantships and Fellowships before working on-campus.

You can search for open positions on-campus on the [GW Student Employment Learning in Action](#) portal. As an international student, be sure you're looking at the **Non-Federal Work-Study (FWS)** positions!

Be advised, F-1 students can work **up to 20 hours per week on-campus while school is in session**. If you hold multiple on-campus jobs, you must make sure that the total number of hours worked across all of your positions does not exceed 20 hours per week while school is in session. For more information about this requirement, along with other important immigration regulations related to working on-campus, make sure you review the [ISO's On-Campus Employment page](#).

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## Off-Campus Employment

In order to work off-campus, you must **receive authorization from the International Services Office (ISO)** before you start working. There are a few options for students who wish to work off-campus - please [contact the ISO](#) to discuss what options are available to you.

Please note, to work off-campus:

- You must be in valid F-1 or J-1 status for at least one full academic year (there are some very limited exceptions to this requirement).
- You must be recommended by your International Student Advisor **before** employment starts.

To discuss your legal off-campus employment options, please consult with an [ISO Advisor](#).

### **! Important Note !**

**EXTREMELY IMPORTANT:** Working off-campus without proper authorization from the ISO is **a major violation of your F-1 or J-1 immigration status** that can result in **termination of your SEVIS record!**



# Orientations

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The below-listed **mandatory orientations** in August will provide pertinent information for international students relating to immigration and the academic culture at GWSB. These sessions are **required** of ALL GWSB international graduate students studying on an F-1 or J-1 visa.

## **Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 10:00am-12:00pm**

*ISO New F-1 International Graduate Student Orientation*

Hosted by the International Services Office (ISO)

**Location:** Zoom - Link will be sent in the registration confirmation email

[Register Here!](#)

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## **Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 1:30-4:00pm**

*Fall 2025 GWSB International Student Orientation*

Hosted by GWSB Global & Experiential Education (G&EE)

**Location:** Fonger Hall (2201 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20052), Room 103

[Register Here!](#)

For questions, please email G&EE at [sbglobal@gwu.edu](mailto:sbglobal@gwu.edu)

**See You There!**

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