

Spring 2026 New Student Guide

 Claremont Graduate University



Welcome to the Centennial Class

This guide is designed to support your transition into graduate life at CGU. Inside, you'll find campus resources, tips, and connections to your academic department, peers, and campus community — everything you need to get started and stay on track.

The resources in this guide are also available in [your application portal](#). To log in, use the same credentials you used for your application.

New Student Orientation

Join us at [New Student Orientation](#), where you will be welcomed into the CGU community! NSO includes a mix of virtual sessions and on-campus activities designed to help you get connected and navigate your graduate journey. [Register now](#).

NSO Highlights:

- Attend your program-specific session and connect with your peers
- Understand program requirements and available resources
- Know where to go for academic, personal, and professional support
- Learn your responsibilities under CGU's Code of Conduct and policies
- Prepare for your first semester with confidence

New Student Checklist

Before classes begin, make sure you complete the following:

- Activate your CGU email and review your NSO Canvas site
- [Submit your Medical History Report](#) and waive or enroll in [CGU Health Insurance](#)
- Accept any loans and complete the Enrollment and Financial Agreement (EFA)
- Submit your official transcripts and meet with your advisor
- Explore [CGU class schedule](#) and [register for classes](#)
- Pick up your student ID and [register your vehicle](#)
- Review fee deadlines and read your program handbook

FLOURISH: Your First-Year Experience Program

FLOURISH helps new graduate students transition successfully into academic life at CGU. It is designed to:

- Introduce you to the values of a transformative graduate education
- Build skills for academic success at the graduate level
- Foster a supportive and inclusive community
- Help you navigate institutional and professional resources
- Encourage balance and personal well-being for sustainable success

Student Platforms

- [MyCGU Portal](#): Access applications and explore resources
- [PeopleSoft](#): Register for classes, view schedule, and manage direct deposit
- [Canvas](#): Access course materials (courses appear 1 to 2 weeks pre-term)
- [TimelyCare](#): 24/7 virtual medical and mental health services (free)

[Learn more about the history of CGU at 100.cgu.edu](#)

Financial Aid Resources

- FAFSA support and loan disbursement
- [Fellowship Calculator](#) (excludes EMBA, MFA, Teacher Ed)
- [Tuition Calculator](#) for estimating annual costs
- [External funding](#) opportunities

Perks and Discounts

- [PerkSpot](#) and [FunEx](#) for student discounts and rewards

Parking and Housing

- Visit Campus Safety to register your vehicle and get your parking permit
- Free Foothill Transit; 50% off Metrolink
- Housing Options:
Claremont Collegiate Apartments, Oasis Commons
- Short-Term Sublets:
[CGU Student Housing Facebook page](#)
- Off-Campus Support:
[Claremont Colleges Housing Office](#)

Support Services

On-Campus Support

- Office of Student Engagement (OSE):
student.engagement@cgu.edu
- Student Life, Diversity & Leadership (SLDL):
student.life@cgu.edu
- International Office: international@cgu.edu
- Veterans Resources: veterans@cgu.edu
- Disability Services: disabilityservices@cgu.edu
- Tech Support: [OIT website](#) For tools, access, devices
- Library: [Honnold Library website](#)
Study rooms, staff help, 10-book limit

On-Campus Academic and Career Success

- Center for Writing & Rhetoric (CWR):
cwr@cgu.edu | [CWR website](#)
*Graduate-level writing and communication support
Consultations online, in-person, or by email*
- Career & Professional Development (CPD):
career.center@cgu.edu | [CPD website](#)
*Career coaching, job prep, and alumni support
Appointments via Handshake*
- Center for Academic Faculty & Excellence (CAFE):
cafe@cgu.edu | [CAFE website](#)
Resources for inclusive teaching and course design

TCCS Resources

- [Chaplains Office](#)
- [Chicano Latino Student Affairs](#)
- [Office of Black Student Affairs](#)
- [Queer Resource Center](#)
- [EmPOWER Center](#)
- [Intercollegiate Feminist Center](#)

KEY DATES

Review key dates in the
[2025-26 Academic Calendar](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are a few events to look out for
in your first semester:

[Envisioning Your Year: Vision Board Making](#)

January 22 • 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

OSE house

[Financial Aid 102: Money Management in Graduate School](#)

February 6 • 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

*Online with Financial Aid Office Building
Advising Relationships*

February TBD

In-Person

[Elevating Your Academic Presentations](#)

March 3 • 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

In-Person with OSE

Research 102: Publishing Your Research

March TBD

Online with Honnold Library

[End of Year Celebration](#)

April 24 • 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

In-Person

Visit the [CGU Events Page](#) and follow
[@claremontgraduateuniversity](#) on Instagram to
stay in the loop with campus events and updates.