

2026 - 2027 New Student Guide



Your Gateway to CGU

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.

Orientation

Join us for [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](#).

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

Checklist

Before classes begin, be sure to complete the following:

- ☐ Activate your CGU email and review your NSO Canvas site.
- ☐ [Submit your Medical History Report](#).
- ☐ Waive or enroll in [CGU Health Insurance](#).
- ☐ Accept any loans and complete the Enrollment & Financial Agreement (EFA).
- ☐ Submit your official transcripts and meet with your advisor.
- ☐ Explore [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](#): Check holds, pay tuition, manage financial aid
- [PeopleSoft](#): Register for classes, view schedule, manage direct deposit
- [Canvas](#): Access course materials (usually available 1-2 weeks before the term begins).
- [TimelyCare](#): 24/7 virtual medical & mental health services (free)

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 Apts, 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
- Health Insurance: healthins@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

Academic & 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

Consortium 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
[2026-27 Academic Calendar](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[Graduate School 101](#)

September 3 • 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Online with the Office of Student Engagement

[Ethical GenAI in Higher Education](#)

September 15 • 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Hybrid with Center for Writing & Rhetoric

[Networking Speed Mixer](#)

September 19 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
In-person with Career & Professional Development

[Financial Aid 101: Navigating Finances in Graduate School](#)

October 2 • 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Online with Financial Aid Office

[Building Advising Relationships](#)

October 28 • 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Hybrid with the Office of Student Engagement

[Research 101: Utilizing Library Tools](#)

November 12 • 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Online with Honnold Library

[Mindfulness with CAFE](#)

December 7-11 • TBD
Center for Academic & Faculty Excellence

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