**SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY**

**GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**2021 INCOMING GRADUATE STUDENTS ORIENTATION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (some sessions may be moved online if deemed necessary)**

Monday, August 16

9:00am—6:00pm Campus Housing Move-in\* (for students living on-campus)

Tuesday, August 17 Location: **TBD**

8:30—8:45 Continental breakfast

8:45—9:00 Welcome: Dr. Angus Wilkinson Professor and Associate Chair of Academic Studies and Dr. MG Finn, Chair

9:00—10:15 Academic program overview/advisement: Dr. Kenyetta Johnson, Director of Graduate Studies

10:15—10:30 Research rotation programs: Dr. Johnson

10:30—10:45 Student Polymer Network: TBD

10:45—11:00 Graduate Student Forum information on first-year party and break: TBD

11:00—12:00 Overview of teaching assistantship program (responsibilities and evaluation):

Dr. Angus Wilkinson, Professor and Associate Chair of Academic Studies

12:00—5:00 Effective Teaching Session\*\* (lunch provided)

Wednesday, August 18 Location: **TBD**

9:00—9:45 Professionalism in the workplace: Dr. MG Finn (light breakfast snacks provided)

9:45—11:30 Effective Teaching Session

11:30—11:45 Women in Chemistry information: TBD

11:45—1:00 Panel of experienced TAs (lunch provided)

1:00—3:30 Effective Teaching Session

3;30—3:45 Move to teaching lab locations

3:45—5:15 TA training by assignment

CHEM 1211K, 1212K, 1310 (first-year chemistry): **Clough TBD**

Drs, Michael Evans, Kimberly Schurmeier, and Carrie Shepler

CHEM 2380 and 3380 (synthesis I and II labs): **Boggs XXX**

Dr. Amanda Stephens

CHEM 2211 and 3211 (analytical chemistry labs): **Boggs XXX**

Dr. Christy O’Mahony

CHEM 3371 (organic lab): **Boggs XXX**

Dr. Hui Zhu

CHEM 4581 and 4582 (biochemistry II labs): **Boggs 2-59**

Dr. Mary Peek

5:30—6:30 Meet your mentor (graduate students only)

2nd floor atrium of Molecular Science and Engineering

Thursday, August 19 Location: **TBD**

8:30—1:10 Class Registration--please bring your laptop, if possible

Campus graduate student orientation (**Refer to Orientation website for info**)

Campus Grad Expo([**http://gradadmiss.gatech.edu/orientation-gradexpo**](http://gradadmiss.gatech.edu/orientation-gradexpo))

**\*Note: We will pre-register you for the campus-wide orientation so no need to do that**

*Assuming that the GradExpo will be in an in-person format for the fall the intention is to facilitate an opportunity for new students to connect with student organizations and service units across campus in a virtual format. We’ll have more information on that soon*

Social Security/New Student Employment,

Graduate Admissions/final transcripts

Buzz Identification Cards

International Student Center Information Sessions (if applicable)

<http://oie.gatech.edu/content/international-welcome-series>

1:00—3:30 (all TAs) ***Mandatory*** Introduction to Chemical Safety and Safety Scenarios

Dr. Pamela Pollet

3:30—5:30 Effective teaching session (*meet in small rooms assigned on Wednesday)*

Friday, August 20

8:00—12:00 (all TAs) TA training by assignment (Meet in same locations as Wednesday)

6:00—9:00 First year graduate student party (2nd floor atrium of MoSE Bldg)

Monday, August 23

First day of classes

Friday, August 27

4:00pm Last day and time for schedule changes

\*Note: On-campus housing is usually available beginning Monday, August 16, 2021. Updates on this can be found on the website. Please visit: <http://housing.gatech.edu/>

\*\*All Effective Teaching Sessions will be facilitated by academic professionals from the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry:

Dr. Michael Evans (first-year chemistry lab coordinator), Dr. Christy O’Mahony (analytical and physical chemistry lab coordinator), Dr. Mary Peek (biochemistry lab coordinator), Dr. Carrie Shepler (director of first-year chemistry), Dr. Amanda Stephens (synthesis lab coordinator), and Dr. Hui Zhu (bio-organic lab coordinator)