Dear Incoming Graduate Student,

Once again, congratulations and welcome! Here is your information packet as promised. It contains:

1. Brown’s course announcement
2. Our most recent issue of *Conduit!*
3. A copy of both the PhD and Masters program requirements
4. Our departmental brochure
5. The following maps:
   a) Brown’s Campus (also central Providence) with our department marked in red.
   b) The Rhode Island bus system (which has its hub in downtown Providence).
   c) The Providence trolley system.
   d) Brown’s downtown shuttle.
   e) Brown’s on campus shuttle.

A preliminary schedule for orientation is on the other side of this document. In order to accommodate our department’s BBQ, we have decided to start orientation on Monday, August 28th. You should try to arrive on the 4th floor of the department between 9:30 and 9:45 that morning. If you cannot make it, please let us know.

International students should take note of the Brown Graduate School’s pre-orientation on Friday, August 25th. The pre-orientation starts at 8:45 in MacMillan (this is on the same block as the department, just check your campus map). The Graduate School also has an orientation for all students on Friday, September 1st.

For up-to-date orientation info, please check out [http://www.cs.brown.edu/grad/orient](http://www.cs.brown.edu/grad/orient). Here you will find a more detailed schedule, online pointers to the material in this packet, answers to frequently asked questions, and a place to post your own questions about the department. Also, don’t hesitate to contact Eric Rachlin at eerac@cs.brown.edu or Warren Schudy at ws@cs.brown.edu with any questions, comments or concerns.

See you on the 28th!
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Friday, August 25th

• 8:45 am, Starr Auditorium (MacMillan): Pre-orientation for international students

Monday, August 28th

• 9:30 am, 4th Floor Atrium (CIT): Sign-in, introductions and a light breakfast
• 10:00 am: Meeting with program chair, review of requirements
• 11:00 am: Information about the workings of the department from our technical staff, administrative staff and graduate student volunteers
• 12:15 pm: Lunch with current graduate students
• 2:00 pm: Faculty research talks
• 4:00 pm: Ice Cream and Tea

Tuesday, August 29th

• 9:45 am, 4th Floor Atrium (CIT): Light breakfast
• 10:00 am: Faculty research talks
• 12:30 pm: Lunch with faculty
• 2:30 pm: Faculty research talks
• 4:00 pm: Tour of the department

Wednesday, August 30th

• 12:30 pm, Pembroke Field (corner of Cushing and Brook St.): BBQ for students, staff, faculty, family and friends
• 4:00 pm: Tour of the area for anyone who is interested

Thursday, August 31st

• 9:45 am, 4th Floor Atrium (CIT): Light breakfast
• 10:00 am: Faculty research talks
• 12:30 pm: Lunch
• 1:30 pm: Faculty research talks
• 3:00 pm: “The Inside Story”, a student-only discussion of advisors and courses

Friday, September 1st

• 9am, Andrews Dining Hall (Pembroke): General orientation for all departments