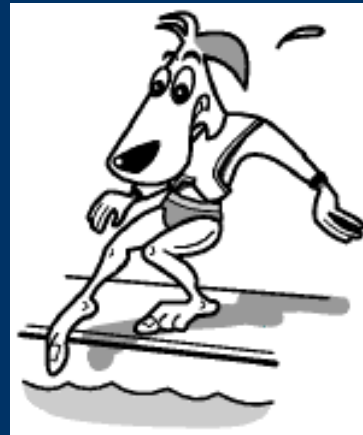


# Computer Group: Orientation Day 2010

## GETTING STARTED



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# *Let's be brief*

- Only cover the main points
  - Other sources of information:
    - Graduate Student Guide:  
[http://www.eecg.toronto.edu/~exec/student\\_guide/Main/index.shtml](http://www.eecg.toronto.edu/~exec/student_guide/Main/index.shtml)
    - Your checklist
  - Feel free to ask current graduate students any questions you may have
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# *What matters to a new grad student*

- 1) People
- 2) Money
- 3) Resources
- 4) Courses



# 1) *People: The Graduate Office*

- Go to the EECG graduate office (SF1107)
- Fill out paperwork
  - fee deferral, registration, etc.
- Pick up an information package
  - deadline sheet for course registration
- You have mailboxes in the grad office



# *The Graduate Office*

Judith Levene



Darlene Gorzo



## *2a) Money: Tuition*

- Talk to the Graduate Office about Tuition Deferral
- Also, you may have your tuition fees deducted from your first pay check
- Visit the grad office ASAP to check your status and deadlines



## *2b) Money: Funding*

- More than one source:
    - A scholarship/fellowship
      - Apply for NSERC, OGS, etc.
    - A research assistantship
    - A TA-ship
  - Payments throughout the year
  - Ask advisor expected funding situation
    - especially for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of masters
  - Meet advisor's admin, fill out more forms
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## *2c) Money: Expenses*

- Can get reimbursed for conference fees
- Keep airplane boarding passes





## *2d) Money: Teaching Assistantships*

- Well paid, with union benefits
- A single TAship takes ~ 60 hours/semester
- Too late to apply for TAship for a Fall course
  - Rare for 1<sup>st</sup> semester
  - Run the idea by your advisor
  - Apply for next term by visiting Jayne Leake (SFB600)



## 3) *Resources*

### 1) U of T TCard:

- You will need a TCard for many things:
  - Bahen lab access
  - photocopy resources
  - Library resources (books and computers with Internet access)
- To get a TCard, go to Robarts Library
  - intersection of St. George and Harbord

### 2) Key access to Sanford Fleming

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## 3) Resources (continued)

### 3) A Desk and Lab Access:

- Request a desk through your advisor
  - If he doesn't know what to do, write to the Graduate Operations Coordinator, Professor Lie (lie@eecg.toronto.edu)
  - You need an access code to the room
  - Note: There have been many thefts in the past! For everyone's safety, don't allow unknown people into the labs.
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### 3) *Resources (continued)*

#### 4) An EECG Computer Account:

- Ask advisor
- Send an e-mail to [ecehelp@eecg.toronto.edu](mailto:ecehelp@eecg.toronto.edu) to get a computer account
- Specify your full name, preferred user name, and your supervisor

#### 5) update your `~/.plan` file and use 'chfn'

- Give your office location
- Read other people's information using 'finger'

#### 6) create a webpage

- `index.html` in `~/public_html`
  - put your CGI's in `~/public_html/cgi-bin`
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## 3) *Resources (continued)*

### 7) Sign up on mail lists immediately

- Send an e-mail to the lab admin:  
[labadm@eecg.toronto.edu](mailto:labadm@eecg.toronto.edu)
- The most important mailing lists: cggrads, grads, cider
- Important for information on:
  - Talks & Distinguished Lectures
  - Departmental deadlines
  - Funding, job opportunities
  - Reading groups



## 3) Resources (continued)

### 8) Consider joining some reading group mail lists

- CARG: computer architecture ([steffan@eecg](mailto:steffan@eecg))  
[www.eecg.utoronto.ca/~steffan/carg](http://www.eecg.utoronto.ca/~steffan/carg)
  - FPGA: ([jamieson@eecg](mailto:jamieson@eecg))
  - SSRG: systems software ([tamda@eecg](mailto:tamda@eecg))  
[www.cs.toronto.edu/~anna/ssrg/](http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~anna/ssrg/)
  - SRG: security ([lie@eecg.utoronto.ca](mailto:lie@eecg.utoronto.ca))
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## 3) Resources (continued)

### 9) EECG network

- Storage on the network backed-up periodically
- Leave room to other people on your partition  
Use 'du' , 'df' , and 'hogs' (on Sun machines)
- You can set up a laptop to run off the network
- Running jobs on other people's machine ('nice')  
→ consider yourself warned

10) Facilities, maintenance: 416-978-3000

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# *The EECG computer systems administrators*

For general help: [ecehelp@ece.utoronto.ca](mailto:ecehelp@ece.utoronto.ca)

For printing: [printing@ece.utoronto.ca](mailto:printing@ece.utoronto.ca)

Multiple system administrators, often encountered:

YongJoo Lee



Eugenia Distefano





## 4) Courses

- 3 courses in your 1<sup>st</sup> semester and 2 in your 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - The EECG course listing is online:  
<http://www.ece.utoronto.ca/>
  - Can take courses outside of the computer group
    - Ask your advisor, other grad students
    - Consult the graduate student handbook to confirm degree compliance
    - PhD: need 2 courses outside of computer group
    - MASc: need at least 2 courses inside computer group
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## 4) Courses

- Adding Courses:
    - 1) Submit Course Registration form to Grad Office
    - 2) Await approval
    - 3) Register your courses officially on ROSI ([www.rosi.utoronto.ca](http://www.rosi.utoronto.ca))
  - Dropping Courses:
    - 1) Submit Course Drop form to the Graduate Office
    - 2) Await approval
    - 3) Drop your courses officially on ROSI
  - You can add more courses and drop them later!
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## *4) Courses: few random notes*

- You can audit courses (no grade) with the approval of the instructor
- Books sold at UofT bookstore, and online
  - <http://fetchbook.info>
- Don't buy books yet... hold out as long as possible



# Conclusion

- The first few weeks of graduate life are hectic
- Follow the checklist provided
- Be aware of course deadlines of the Graduate Office
- Things get easier once you have narrowed your course selection
- Feel free to contact us if we can help out further!

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- Welcome and good luck!
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# *Questions*



# Backup

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# 1) *People: An Advisor*

- If not have none, give this the highest priority
  - A co-supervisor is uncommon, but not unheard of

