**Fall checklist**

- Attend Annual Updates session
- Complete test application, keep login
- Program Website - instructions, links, contacts, etc.
- Communication - prospects, applicants, admits, etc.
- Catalog instructions (PCAS) [http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/grad](http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/grad)
- User logins - Incoming and Outgoing staff & faculty
- Graduate Programs Directory: apps.grad.umn.edu/programs
- Listserv/groups (AY, GPC Network, etc.)
- Review Admissions Toolkit

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**New Graduate Assistants**

Aki

Alli

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**New Staff! (kind of)**

Chee Kue

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**Professional Development**

- **Local:** GPC Network
  - GPC Network
  - Many U of M groups (see GPCN resources)

- **National:**
  - CGS
  - NAGAP
  - National Conferences, Professional Development Institutes, etc.

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**Salary Survey:** Thank you GPCs!

- NAGAP Salary Survey of grad education professionals
- Every 2 years
- 1,000 responses nationwide
- Report coming this winter/spring
- Online tool: Staff and faculty can produce compensation data
  - “What’s the average salary for GPC at a public institution?”
  - ...number of applications, enrolled students, in the Midwest, etc.
We're #2!

2018 Review

- Survey
- Effectiveness
- Optimum Deadline
- Recommendations 2019

Storm affected applicants

- Considerations
  - Deadlines
  - Program requirements - flexibility (self-reported, etc.)
  - Transcript requirement - case by case (e.g. GA office hold)
  - Fee waivers - case by case, contact Grad Admissions

Why the new system?: We need one!

HOBSONS ISSUES
- User experience
- Customer support
- Reliability
- End of Contract

NEEDS
- Recruitment
- Admissions
- Application Review
- I-20 Processing
- Change of Status
- Readmission
- Usability/Efficiency

Why Slate?: Strongest alternative to Hobsons

RELIABILITY
- Meet's U of M's needs
- Has never crashed
- Satisfied peers (600+)
- Hobsons' future

PRICE
- Less-expensive
- App fee stability
- Revenue paid forward: GPC Network events, Staffing, etc.

FLEXIBILITY
- Program configurability
- Better end-user experience
- "One to Many"
- Innovative company
- All-in-One product: CRM, Application, & E-Review
How you can prepare:

- Review:
  - What are you actively using? (Queries, Reports, etc.)
  - What's critical for your review?
- Stay tuned:
  - Active AY account
  - GPCN member
- Update webpages:
  - Remove "ApplyYourself" text
  - Instructions – separate “what” from “where”
  - “What” – GPA of 3.5 or higher
  - “Where” – Upload section
**PROCESS CHANGES**

### Old Process:
- GA Staff checked:
  - Bachelor's (regionally accredited)
  - Transfer Coursework
  - Legibility and Completeness

### New Process:
- GA Staff will verify for domestic apps:
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- International Credential Review remains unchanged!!

### Domestic Initial Credential Review - Nov 1, 2017

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  - International Credential Review remains unchanged!!

### Implications for Programs on “Initial Review” stage
- Applications “Awaiting Program Decision” immediately
- Grad Admissions will not mark “incomplete” - No more waiting on us!
- Please upload transcripts you receive; or ask us to do it for you!

### Implications on “Final Review” stage (after you submit your decision)
- Admit decisions will not be sent to students if unofficial degree-granting transcripts are missing (rare)
- No change to official transcript requirements/holds

### Enrollment Form now required - Nov 1, 2017
- Newly admitted students **cannot** register without submitting the enrollment form (accessed via the admission letter)
- Saves Grad Admissions time
- Grad programs’ admits will be processed more quickly
- More accurate data/reporting
- Will help programs in recruitment/enrollment

### Tips:
- **Communicate!** Notify students that the Enrollment Form is required prior to registration.
- **Track Enrollment Form submissions**:
  - Email notification from AY
  - Individual Application
  - UM Reports
  - Queries (Enrollment Form Queries folder)
- **Don’t double-withdraw!**
English Proficiency

- “Operational Minimums” are now University Policy (See Scott Lanyon’s 7/12/2017 Review of Graduate Education Policies email)
  - No functional change to existing processes
  - Reminder: Immigration regulations include ESL stipulations
- Pearson (PTE) and Cambridge Assessment added this year
- Paper Based TOEFL Test (550) scores no longer relevant

English Info on the Toolkit: [https://www.grad.umn.edu/graduate-admissions-toolkit/eslresources](https://www.grad.umn.edu/graduate-admissions-toolkit/eslresources)

I-20 Funding Amounts

- Minimum amount of funding required to obtain F-1 student visa (12 months)
- Living expenses, books and supplies, mandatory student fees, health insurance, and (if applicable) tuition
- Depending on Stipend amount, may need additional source of funding
- Information taken from One Stop

I-20 Funding Amounts

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I-20 Start Dates

- Students can enter U.S. 30 days prior to Program Start Date
- If attempting to arrive earlier, could be refused entry
- If you have a non-standard start date, contact Grad Admissions
  [https://www.grad.umn.edu/admissions/admissions-toolkit/i20-information](https://www.grad.umn.edu/admissions/admissions-toolkit/i20-information)

International Grading Standards

("Country Sheets")
Watch this page for new information!

PDF Uploads for your reviewers

Upload notice (warning) in AY

The Bachelor's degree from XYZ University is not comparable to the U.S. Bachelor's degree.

Do:

- XYZ University does not have regional accreditation.

Don't:

- XYZ University is not recognized in XYZ country as a degree granting institution.

Contact Us!

- International credentials, grading scales, institutions
- English Proficiency
- Visa issues
- Large library of resources on educational systems including historical information

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THANK YOU!

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