

CST Graduate Student Resources: 2024-2025

Graduate Programs at the College of Science and Technology

Graduate students play a critical role in both the research and teaching missions of the university. CST faculty members are there to train and direct students, but much of the actual work of teaching and research is accomplished by our students. The research mission of the College is pursued through a sustained effort to recruit the best and brightest new faculty, to aggressively develop promising research initiatives, and to create a modern science campus with facilities fully supportive of cutting-edge research. The College also strives to support the scholarly pursuits and professional activities of its faculty, who in turn advance their respective disciplines. In so doing, the College provides an outstanding environment for graduate and undergraduate research, with the departments and centers as focal points for interdisciplinary research initiatives and graduate degree programs. In pursuing its research mission, the College of Science and Technology will be a vital participant in establishing Temple University as a recognized center of excellence in scientific research and development.

Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs

- Graduate admissions
- Processing of transfer and advanced standing credits
- Processing of teaching and research appointment letters
- Change of degree requests
- Leave of absence requests
- Program withdrawals
- CST outstanding teaching and research awards
- Graduate degree conferrals
- Graduation ceremony planning
- Registration support

These services are available to all CST graduate students. To ensure that the proper steps are taken, please consult with your specific departments before submitting requests. Our office is located at 145 Tuttleman. Please find more information, including upcoming events [here](https://cst.temple.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-affairs): <https://cst.temple.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-affairs>).

For inquiries and information, please email cst.ga@temple.edu.

Graduate Services:

- **Daniel Strongin, PhD**, Associate Dean, CST Graduate Affairs (dstrongi@temple.edu; 215.204.2888)
- **Saba Fletcher, MS**, Director, Enrollment Management: Graduate Affairs and Research (saba.fltecher@temple.edu; 215.204.2150)
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- **Deb Stull, PhD**, Director, Post Baccalaureate, PSM, and Master's Program Development (debstull@temple.edu; 215.204.7126)

CST Departments

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Interdisciplinary Programs

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CST PSM Programs

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The Graduate School: Beyond Admissions

The Graduate School's policies and standards affect all aspects of graduate education here at Temple University. From graduate faculty reviews to the reviews of theses and dissertations, the Graduate School is an invaluable resource in your academic journey. For information or to get familiar with its academic policies please visit their website at www.temple.edu/grad.

What the Graduate School does:

- Petitions to appeal academic actions
- Reinstatements
- Set and monitor GPA standards for Graduate Student Support Requests (teaching and research assistantships, academic internships, tuition scholarships, etc.)
- Review all graduate support appointment letters
- Full-time or part-time status requests

- Requests for extension of time in degree programs
- Review defense announcements and dissertations
- Request for other employment

Please consult with members of your department prior to submitting paperwork to the Graduate School. Although they write and review policy, it is the departments and the respective colleges that implement them. If your needs cannot be met by your department, please notify your college, and if necessary, the Graduate School.

Students can access forms through their TUportal.

University-Wide Programs and Resources

Temple University has programs, departments, and resources that are as diverse as its student body and outlying community. If you need housing we've got it. If you're feeling stress and need relief, we can offer assistance. If you have writer's block and need help reviewing those extra-long research papers, there's help for that, too!

Bursar's Office (215.204.7269; bursar@temple.edu; <https://bursar.temple.edu/>)

- The Bursar's Office is responsible for the collection of all student payments, tuition, and fees. They also handle tuition remission, tax credits, and Septa keycard sales and offer student loan and debt management counseling.

Campus Recreation (215.204.1267; campusrec@temple.edu; <https://www.temple.edu/campus-recreation/>)

- Campus Recreation, a department within [Student Affairs](https://studentaffairs.temple.edu/) (<https://studentaffairs.temple.edu/>), oversees the operation of Temple University's fitness facilities, such as the IBC Student Recreation Center, Student Pavilion, and Geasey Field Complex. Outside of these facilities, Campus Recreation plans programs to better acclimate Temple students to the community around them. Please contact their office for information.

Career Center (215.204.7981; Careercenter@temple.edu; <https://careercenter.temple.edu/>)

- The Career Center at Temple University is a central resource that empowers students and alumni through comprehensive career development services. Every Temple graduate student can own their future through both in-person and online career services. Expert advice on preparing a resume, writing a cover letter, and networking is available. Graduate students can also meet with career coaches to receive the tools and guidance to explore their career options, build their professional brand, gain experience, and make their path for lifelong career success.

Disability Resources and Services (215.204.1280; drs@temple.edu; <https://disabilityresources.temple.edu/>)

- Disability Resources and Services is a department within [Student Affairs](https://studentaffairs.temple.edu/) (<https://studentaffairs.temple.edu/>) that provides resources for students with various

disabilities here at Temple University. If you have questions about their services or are in need of assistance, please contact them at the number/email address listed above.

[International Student Affairs](https://global.temple.edu/international-student-affairs) (215.204.9562; intl@temple.edu; <https://global.temple.edu/international-student-affairs>)

- Established in 2016, International Student Affairs (ISA) is responsible for providing a variety of programs and services to Temple University's 2,000+ international students (undergraduate and graduate) from over 120+ countries around the world. Their programs include pre-arrival and transition assistance for new students; engagement opportunities; and leadership development. Additionally, they provide personalized support to students in need to foster academic and personal success at Temple University.

[International Student and Scholar Services](http://www.temple.edu/iss) (215.204.7708; iss@temple.edu; www.temple.edu/iss)

- International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) provides support to Temple University's international students, scholars and non-immigrant employees, including:
 - Assistance with all required legal documents for non-immigrant students and scholars
 - Advice and counseling on immigration matters and counseling services
 - Liaison services to university departments, United States and foreign government agencies and the greater community
 - Facilitation of international students and scholars' assimilation into the larger Temple community
 - Coordination with the Temple [Center for American Language and Culture](https://global.temple.edu/tcalc) (<https://global.temple.edu/tcalc>)

[Office of Community Affairs and Engagement](http://www.temple.edu/community) (215.204.7913; aswan@temple.edu; www.temple.edu/community)

- Interested in giving back? The Office of Community Affairs and Engagement strives to be a beacon for community engagement at Temple University. Through supporting volunteerism in the Temple community, hosting and partnering with community organizations, and providing direct services to our neighbors, the Office of Community Affairs and Engagement is a gateway to the many resources Temple University has to offer.

[Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, Advocacy, and Leadership](https://diversity.temple.edu/) (IDEAL; 215-204-7303; ideal@temple.edu; <https://diversity.temple.edu/>)

- The Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, Advocacy and Leadership (IDEAL) is home to Temple University's endeavors to create and sustain a thriving community with a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture of belonging for all its members. Together, IDEAL provides a comprehensive body of resources, training, programming and services that foster a safe, tolerant and respectful campus experience for every student, staff and faculty member. Think of this website as your destination for relevant news and updates, culturally enriching events and assistance when you need information or help.

Office of The University Registrar (215.204.1131; www.temple.edu/registrar)

- Need copies of your Temple University transcripts? The Office of The University Registrar can help you. Along with transcript release requests, the University Registrar handles other student record services such as proof of enrollment/degree, proxy access for family members, and petitions to correct academic records. Find information on course registration, academic dates/deadlines, and PA residency requirements here.

Student Affairs (215.204.6556; ypsa@temple.edu; www.temple.edu/studentaffairs)

- The mission of Student Affairs is to design and implement initiatives, programs, activities and services that will engage the entire campus community to help students attain their educational, personal and career goals in a diverse, nurturing and safe campus community. Find information on student activities, student centers, housing, and university housing in addition to disability resources and services and campus recreation (see above).

Student Financial Services (215.204.2244; sfs@temple.edu (please include 9-digit TUID in email); <https://sfs.temple.edu/>)

- Temple University's Office of Student Financial Services readily assists all Temple students with the financial aid process, as well as servicing Temple University account balance statements. Students can make appointments with Student Financial Services [here](https://sfs.temple.edu/about/appointments) (<https://sfs.temple.edu/about/appointments>). In addition, their website has a list of basic needs resources [here](https://sfs.temple.edu/about/basic-needs-resources): <https://sfs.temple.edu/about/basic-needs-resources>.

Student Health Services (215.204.7500; StudentHealth@temple.edu; www.temple.edu/studenthealth)

- Student Health Services provides the eligible Temple University student community with affordable, accessible and high quality primary health care. They are located on the fourth floor of the 1800 Liacouras Walk building on Main Campus. Student Health Services is staffed with board-certified physicians, nurse practitioners, RNs and medical assistants to meet students' healthcare needs.

Student Success Center (215.204.0702; ssc@temple.edu; <https://studentsuccess.temple.edu/>)

- The Student Success Center (SSC) is a comprehensive "one-stop-shop" academic support center serving graduate and undergraduate students at Temple University. Explore the website, to discover in detail all of the programs and services—from tutoring and workshops to retreats, colloquia, and more—available for students.

Temple Bookstore (215.204.5578; temple@bkstr.com; <https://www.bkstr.com/templestore/home>)

- The Temple University bookstore is in the Howard Gittis Student Center located at 1755 N 13th Street, Lower Level. It has a vast selection of textbooks, school supplies, Temple apparel and gifts.

Temple Graduate School (215.204.1380; grad@temple.edu; <https://grad.temple.edu/>)

- The Graduate School oversees all facets of graduate education at Temple University. It is responsible for a wide range of activities from admitting students to recommending to the

Board of Trustees the awarding of graduate degrees. It also oversees the quality of Temple's graduate programs and monitors standards of scholarship. Some important resources for students include the [graduate calendar](https://grad.temple.edu/resources/graduate-calendar) for key dates and deadlines (<https://grad.temple.edu/resources/graduate-calendar>), the [dissertation and thesis handbook](https://grad.temple.edu/resources/dissertation-thesis-handbook) (<https://grad.temple.edu/resources/dissertation-thesis-handbook>), and [professional development opportunities](https://grad.temple.edu/resources/professional-development-opportunities) (<https://grad.temple.edu/resources/professional-development>) including career advising and scholarly competitions such as the 3-MT competition.

Tuttleman Counseling Services (215.204.7276; TuttlemanCounseling@temple.edu; <https://counseling.temple.edu/>)

- Tuttleman Counseling Services (TCS) offers support for the mental health needs of all registered students at Temple University. Assistance at TCS is confidential and free of charge. They provide an atmosphere that is informal and professional, where students can feel safe and comfortable seeking help. They are located at 1700 North Broad St. (2nd Floor).

Wellness Resource Center (215.204.8436; <https://wellness.temple.edu/>)

- The Wellness Resource Center, a department within the Student Affairs (<https://studentaffairs.temple.edu/>), believes that well-being and health are influenced by many different factors of a person's lived experience and environment. The Wellness Resource Center team is committed to offering creative and innovative programs that give students an opportunity to learn and grow.

Transportation/Parking

Flight and Shuttle Services (215.204.7955; shuttle@temple.edu; <https://safety.temple.edu/safety-education-programs/walking-escort-main-hsc-campus/flight-shuttle-services>)

- Shuttles transport students within Temple's Main Campus patrol zone (via Flight) and among Main Campus, the Health Sciences Center (HSC) Campus, and Ambler Campus. See [webpage](#) for schedule information.

SEPTA (215.580.7800; www.septa.org)

- SEPTA, Southeastern Pennsylvania's Transportation Authority, is Philadelphia's public transportation system. SEPTA provides services to southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Southern New Jersey. SEPTA and Temple University sell student rate weekly or monthly passes for use on SEPTA bus routes, subway systems, and regional rail lines. Students interested in purchasing a University Pass should visit the [Bursar's Office](#).

Temple University's Office of Parking Services (215.204.5301; parking@temple.edu; www.temple.edu/parking)

- The Office of Parking Services offers students the option to access all forms needed for registration of on-campus parking, as well as pricing information for hourly and daily parking

rates. Parking Services Main Office is located on the first floor of Montgomery Garage at 1859 N. 11th Street.

Last But Not Least...

Thank you for choosing Temple! We have provided this packet as a means to better acquaint you with our community. Please use these resources to help in the weeks to come as you familiarize yourself with Temple's campus and the city of Philadelphia. As always, if you need further assistance do not hesitate to call. We will do our best to help meet your needs.