Graduate School Life: Yale & New Haven

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Welcome to Yale Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GSAS)!

“Yale is ... a community of scholars, a society of friends.”

- GSAS Students, most pursuing Ph.D: 3,000
- Professional Students in 11 other schools: 3,500
- Yale College Undergraduates: 5,500
- Yale Faculty & Staff: 11,000
Yale - Leadership in Graduate Education since 1847

Graduate Education at Yale began in 1847:

- 1861: Yale Awarded First PhD in US
- 1874: First PhD in US awarded to African American, Edward Bouchet
- 1892: Women admitted for graduate study, 1st PhDs in 1894

Continuing Leadership in global graduate education:

- Full Funding for all PhD students, up to 6 years in Humanities & Soc. Sciences
- Free Yale Healthcare coverage for all fulltime students
- First endowed Graduate Student Center & Graduate Student Life program
- Family friendly programs – PhD health coverage & paid parental relief

“Yale University will begin providing a sixth year of funding for Ph.D. students in the humanities and social sciences who need it to finish their studies. Yale is the first university to make such a guarantee.” Inside Higher Ed 2-2-2015
Yale Continues Leadership in Research & Graduate Education

- **$1.5 Billion** — invested in new science research facilities
- **$50 Million** — new Humanities hub & program support
- **$50 Million** — Faculty and Student Diversity initiatives
- **$150 Million** — Schwazman Campus Center
- **Yale West Campus** research groups & labs
- **Museums, Performance Spaces, Libraries & Collections** renovated & expanded
- **New Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)**
The McDougal Graduate Center
Your Grad Community & Services Space

Endowed McDougal Center gives graduate students their own spaces to study, socialize, learn, relax.

- Common Room Lounge
- Blue Dog Café
- Grad Student Life Events
- Grad Services Offices
- Meeting Rooms & Courtyard
- WiFi, Recharge & Print
- Family Resource Room
- E-Notes & Facebook
Fun & interesting GSL events planned by graduate student life fellows in the following program areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Family
- International
- Public Service
- Religious & Spiritual Life
- Social Life
- Sports & Recreation
- Wellness & Health

Get involved, balance your life, de-stress, meet new people in and outside your program!
The Office for Graduate Student Development and Diversity (OGSDD) supports diverse ethnicities, women, LGBTQ & first generation students:

• Emerging Scholars Program
• Speakers & wellness events open to all students
• Bouchet Seminars & Bouchet Graduate Conference
• Community building events and activities, some with Yale’s Cultural Centers
The Center for Teaching & Learning - graduate student-focused writing, teaching & language programs, supported by the McDougal Center endowment.

CTL Graduate Teaching Program: Staff & Fellows lead:
- Workshops & consultations to improve your teaching
- Intro, advanced, and field-specific programs
- Teaching @ Yale Day for new teachers
- Certificate of College Teaching Preparation (CCTP) on Transcript

CTL Graduate Writing Lab: Graduate writing fellows and tutors help you:
- Improve academic writing & papers - native & ESL writers
- Prepare grants & fellowships
- Write your prospectus & dissertation
- Dissertation boot camp & study halls
- Peer writing & grant review groups
Yale Office of Career Strategy (OCS) helps you prepare for a career after Yale. OCS offers:

- One-on-one advising with grad career specialists
- Resume reviews
- Alumni programs & networking
  - Where do I go from Yale?

Academic Career Options:
- Annual Academic job search series
- Online Dossier & Credential service
- Field specific programs thru departments

Non-Academic Career Options:
- 25-60% of GSAS graduates pursue non-academic careers - business, government, non-profits, arts, consulting, etc.
- On-campus employer events, alumni networking, student group activities
- Career advisors with area-specific expertise for Masters & PhD students
The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) is the Graduate School's official student government and voice. It offers you a chance to get involved, advocate for students, and make a change at Yale.

- 64 Elected Reps – 1 or more per dept.
- Meets twice a month in the McDougal Center @ HGS
- Addresses Graduate School student needs & concerns
- Works closely with Yale’s administration & other grad groups
- $50,000 in Conference Travel Fellowships awarded yearly
- Legal & tax advice programs

The GSA & GSAS Deans worked together on new 6th year funding – “the best funding package for graduate students in the humanities and social sciences in the country.” (GSA 2015)
We have all four seasons and fun activities - from fruit picking, skiing, hiking and beaches - to enjoy year round!
Life in New Haven
Inventions & Reinvention since 1638

“In short, it’s a city with Boston’s historic charm, Philadelphia’s artistic pleasures – and Buffalo’s beer prices.” – Washington Post
Life in New Haven

- Walkable, green & growing city of 130,000+ - median age 30.1

New Haven & Yale GSAS provide many resources to help you navigate the city and feel at home.

Check out:

- Living in New Haven: [http://livingnh.yale.edu/](http://livingnh.yale.edu/)
Many graduate students opt to rent in Downtown, Dwight, East Rock, Prospect/Science Hill, Wooster Square, or Westville neighborhoods.

Each neighborhood has its own feel – with shops, cafes, parks, and great places to live and play.

Near Yale, students can live in Yale grad dorms, Yale owned apartments, or other off-campus privately-owned apartment buildings.
Living On & Near Campus

Housing Options — On-campus Housing — Apply Starting 4/1

On-Campus

Grad Dorms
- Hall of Graduate Studies
- Helen Hadley Hall
- Harkness & house style dorms
- Kitchens or Meal Plan
- $690+/month for 1 BR furnished

Grad Apartments
- Prospect/Science Hill & York
- For couples, housemates or families with kids
- $1,226+/month for 2 BR unit

Yale owned

Off-Campus Apts
- Elm Campus - Yale Owned, privately managed near Yale
- Downtown or Science Hill
- ~ $1,000+/month for 1-3 BRs

Off-Campus Apts.
- Yale Listing Service & Roommate match online
- Private landlords
- Historic charm, urban chic
- More affordable than many peer university cities
- $500-$1,600+/month for 1-3 BR, self or shared
Living On & Near Campus

Free Yale day & night shuttle service:
• Check routes & boundaries when thinking about where to live in New Haven - especially if you don’t have or want a car to get around

White area = Yale night shuttle service boundaries in city:
95% of Grad & Prof students live within boundaries.

Yale Shuttle serves neighborhoods bordering Yale campus, not the entire City of New Haven. CT Transit buses, trains & bikeways help you get around city and to surrounding areas.
Get Around Campus & City

No Car—No Problem!

Transportation Options

• **Walking**: Easy and free!

• **Biking**: Bike-friendly routes & bike-share program

• **Yale Shuttles**: Free! Day & Weekend Routes + Door-to-Door at Night

• **CT Transit**: Local buses: $1.50/ride, day passes; GPS in 2016

• **Commuter & Regional Trains**

• **Zipcar**: Car Sharing with a Yale Discount

• **Parking**: for a fee
  
  — City street parking, lots & garages, Parkmobile App
  — On-campus student parking garages ~ $100/month
Life in New Haven

Eating in the Elm City

- New Haven is a **foodie city** with great on-campus and off-campus options and convenient grocery stores, cafes and coffee shops.

**Yale Dining Services:**
- 18 dining halls & cafes
- Meal plans, points, credit/debit
- HGS & other plan options

**New Haven Dining & Food**
- Amazing Restaurants & Cafes
- Grocery, Vegan & Specialty Stores
- Farmers Markets & Food Trucks
- Online ordering & delivery

“the most gastronomically blessed town” Chef Mario Batali 2015
Life in New Haven

Cultural Events

- Big City Arts attractions - Student prices!
- Free & discounted festivals, movies, libraries, museums
- Yale - arts, music, theater, dance
- New Haven – concerts, jazz, theaters
- McDougal GSL Fellows plan “Grad Night” Arts events at Yale and in New Haven
- Student performance groups & shows
Life in New Haven
Social & Night Life

New Haven:
Great social & music scene: breweries, dance clubs, coffee bars, jazz clubs, concert halls, happy hour deals and late night snacks.

Yale-Sponsored

- McDougal Grad Center at HGS:
  - First Friday @ Five Grad Happy Hours, Winter Ball
  - Arts, music, sports, wellness, family events and more!
- GPSCY & Gryphon’s Pub
  - Grad Student Pub with dances & parties
- Grad Student Groups: celebrations, dances, and socials.
Life in New Haven

Sports, Recreation, & Fitness

Payne Whitney Gym:
- Free for students with Yale ID; spouse/partner can join ($)
- Fitness center, weights, pools, courts
- Fitness & dance classes ($)
- Grad IM, Club, Pick-up sports

Other Yale Sports & Rec Facilities:
- Yale Bowl
- Tennis Center
- Golf Course
- Ice Rink
- Sailing Center
- Outdoor Center
- Baseball & IM fields

New Haven:
- Many Parks - fields, hiking, biking, canoeing, nature centers, etc.
- Fitness & Yoga studios, cycling & running groups, rec sports
Yale Health (YH) - your on-campus, full-service healthcare & mental health center!

- FREE primary Yale Health & MH coverage for all registered full-time students.
- PhD students also get:
  - Free YH Hospitalization/specialty/prescription coverage
  - Free YH coverage for students with child(ren)
  - 50% subsidy for YH spouse/civil union partner coverage
  - No or low YH copays, no major paperwork
- New Students - YH Coverage begins August 19th, 2016
- Optional Grad Student Dental ($190.92/yr) & Vision Plans ($82.19/yr)
- Intl. Travel & Out-of-Area Coverage Options for PhD Students doing research
- Student Wellness programs, health education, Tobacco Free campus
Yale Campus Police & Security work to help keep you and your belongings safe and protected.

- Well-lit campus with blue security phones
- Uniformed Yale Police & Security, working closely with New Haven police
- Night-time shuttle buses and door-to-door safe rides
- On-call walking escorts
- Secure access to buildings with Yale ID
- Affordable student property insurance
Yale GSAS is a Global Community in its students and areas of study - 35% of GSAS students are international!

Yale offers great resources to support international students and their families, and students doing global research:

- Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) & Intl Center
- CTL English & Foreign Language Study resources
- Library Resources, MacMillan Center – Intl. & Area studies, Travel grants
- Nationality Clubs & Cultural Groups
- Ethnic & International Grocery Stores & Cafés in New Haven
We want your spouse or partner to be a part of the Yale graduate community too!

- Yale IDs for Student Spouses/Civil Union Partners:
  - Access to gym, library, museums, etc., some for a fee
  - Access to some Yale service for partners not eligible for Yale ID
  - Option to enroll in Yale Health; 50% discount for PhD spouses
  - McDougal GSL & OISSEvents open to spouses/partners
  - Yale LGBTQ Resource Center

- US – legal same-sex marriages & civil unions
- Strong local job market and 6 area universities
If you have kids, or are thinking about having kids, great news! Yale is a very family-friendly graduate school!

- PhD students can receive 8-15 weeks of **paid parental leave**
- PAID time off as you become a new parent
- For male & female students; birth or adoption
- Extends degree time up to 1 semester
- **FREE** Yale Health family coverage for a PhD student with child(ren)
- Pregnancy, Work/Life, Childcare, School info & resources
- **Grad Bulldogs with Pups Facebook Group**
- Family activities at McDougal Center, on campus and in New Haven
After one semester, you are a Yale alumna/us—get involved in the alumni community!

25,000+ living Yale GSAS Alumni, 100,000 Yale alumni - Volunteer, learn, connect

- Attend alumni career panels & alumni networking
- Join a Yale Club in cities around the world
- Search the Yale Career Network online
- Get the Yale Alumni Magazine free for life
If you already cannot wait to join the Yale Graduate community, here is important information to keep in mind:

~ **April 1:** Start Housing Search
  - 4/1 Apply online for **Grad Dorms & Apts.**
  - March-April Apply for Yale’s **Elm Campus Apts.**
  - Off-campus apt. or roommate - **Yale Offcampus Living**

**April 15 - Deadline to accept/decline Yale’s offer (online)!**

**Check out New GS Student Checklist & Info Online**
- Begin Pre-Arrival To Do List - Info & Forms online
- Complete Health & ID forms & checklist tasks over summer

**Join 2016 New GSAS Graduate Students Facebook group!**

**Get Excited for GSAS Orientation in August – must be at Yale by AUGUST 21, 2016!**
Need More Information?

See our brochure & handouts!

GSAS Website

http://GSAS.yale.edu

Why Choose Yale?

http://gsas.yale.edu/news/why-choose-yale

QUESTIONS? ASK JO MCDougAL!

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We Hope to See You in August 2016!

The door is open for you to join the academic tradition & lively community at the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences at Yale University.