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Hello and Welcome... to the College of Engineering!

You are beginning a new and exciting phase of your education and career. We're glad you're here! Many people and resources will support you on this journey, beginning with the information you receive during your orientation.

Enclosed you will find:

- fellowship and other funding resources
- the handbook for working with your mentor
- graduate student responsible conduct of research handout
- other helpful information

In addition, a new webpage with tips for transitioning to Graduate School has been created for you. Be sure to check out https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/Academics/Graduate/Transition and then navigate through the rest of our Current Graduate Student website to access information about professional development opportunities and many other important resources.

The mentoring handbook included in this packet (and also available on our website) will assist you and your mentor as you work together to plan your career and professional development. By reading it and jotting down some notes, you will be prepared to get the most out of this experience.

You will also want to take advantage of the graduate student organizations and the various social events hosted throughout the year. Visit the CoE Grad Ed website to learn more, and watch for announcements in your Purdue email.

This is an unprecedented semester as you begin your graduate study during COVID-19. If you haven't already, familiarize yourself with the Protect Purdue website, https://protect.purdue.edu. This is your primary resource for questions and answers related to Purdue's pandemic policies.

Although your school's graduate administrator is always your first resource for questions, I am also here to help. Answers to many of the questions you might have can be found on our website at **www.engr.purdue.edu/grad**. Please bookmark this page and refer to it often. Additionally, my contact information is below for your reference. Have a great year!

Kind regards,

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