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Welcome!

We are happy that you have decided to begin graduate studies in Mathematics at the University of Kansas. We have a number of meetings and activities designed to help you as you begin your graduate studies. Please read through the enclosed materials carefully.

As the Academic Director of Graduate Studies, I am the initial advisor for all incoming students. Until you find a thesis advisor who will supervise your thesis research if you are a Ph.D. student or your research component if you are a Masters student, you are welcome to meet with me to discuss any aspect of the graduate program you might have questions about.

Because the Mathematics Department needs to know your class schedule as soon as possible, it is important that you contact Lori Springs, Graduate Secretary, to arrange an appointment with me before you enroll. My appointment dates will be on August 2, 3 and 4. Lori's contact information is as follows:

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When you first come to the Mathematics Department, check-in with Lori. She will help you find the right people to talk with you about your GTA appointment, your office, your departmental mailbox, your e-mail account, etc. In addition, she can assist you with questions about your enrollment.

If you are an international student, please note that International Student Orientation ("You at KU") is mandatory. You have probably already been notified but here is the link: <https://iss.ku.edu/newly-admitted-orientation>. The Mathematics Department will prepay your orientation fee but you will have to cover your housing. The orientation will begin on August 1.

Finally, note that all GTAs are expected to be on campus for the New GTA Conference on Monday, August 14 when the salary period officially begins. (If visa problems prevent you from being here by that date, contact Professor Huang, Chair, and myself immediately.)

We have posted at [Resources for New Graduate Students](#) important information that you will need to plan your arrival and the first two weeks at the University of Kansas.

For non-GTAs, there is some optional student health insurance available. To find more information and to register after you have enrolled in your classes, you can go to their website at www.uhcsr.com/ku.

As the academic graduate director, I will be happy to answer any questions you have about the graduate program and your progress through it. If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Academic Director of Graduate Studies