Dear [Name],

We are delighted that you have decided to pursue graduate study at Yale!

Below you will find several important items you need to complete as you prepare to enroll. Please review this information carefully, as each item below is important for your transition to Yale.

1) Checklist for GSAS Students Entering 2019
Please reference this checklist often since it contains a comprehensive timeline of important requirements for GSAS students entering this fall.

2) Photo Required for Yale ID Card - Due by May 31
Please upload a color passport photo as soon as possible, and no later than May 31, to help ensure that your Yale ID card is ready for you to pick up at GSAS Orientation in August. If you have any questions concerning the ID Photo upload process, please call +1.203.432.0165 or email id.center@yale.edu.

3) Required Health Exam & Vaccination Record - Begin ASAP
Please review the "New Student Info Sheet" provided by Yale Health, available on the website below.

   - New Graduate Student Forms

You must complete two requirements before you will be permitted to register:

   a) Health Form and Physical Exam - required by Yale University
   Please print the Health Form and Physical Exam form available on the website above. Once the form is completed by your healthcare provider, you should mail the form to the Yale Health Center, or scan and send it as a .pdf to yhmedicalrecords@yale.edu.

   b) Vaccination Record - required by Yale University and the State of Connecticut
   Make an appointment now with your doctor to complete the required Yale Vaccination Record. Once completed, the form and your supporting documents must be
uploaded directly to the Yale Medicat System, which will be available starting on June 20. Some immunization requirements may take a month or more to complete, so begin the process as soon as possible. You will not be permitted to register until your Yale Vaccination Form has been submitted and your Immunization Requirements have been met.

4) Final Official Transcripts - due July 15
You must provide us with a final official transcript from each institution you attended. A list of required final official transcripts can be found on your Application Status Portal.

Final official transcripts should be sent directly from the issuing institution and must include:

- Your full name
- Institution name
- Degree awarded/Date conferred
- Authentication such as a signature, raised seal, or electronic authentication
- The transcript must be in English
- Final official transcripts may be traditional paper transcripts or certified electronic transcripts

If your institution is able to send a certified electronic transcript it should be sent to: graduateschool.transcripts@yale.edu. This address is for institutional use only. Transcripts sent to this address by the student will not be accepted.

If your institution will be mailing a paper transcript to us, please have it sent to:

The Office of Graduate Admissions
P.O. Box 208236
New Haven, CT 06520-8236

Or, if by courier (FedEx, UPS, DHL):

Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
The Office of Graduate Admissions
1 Hillhouse Avenue - Room 302
New Haven, CT 06511

For more information, please see: Transcripts FAQs.

Please check your Application Status Portal for receipt of your final official transcripts and allow 2-3 weeks for processing.

5) Graduate School Orientation - August 19 - 27 (required)
New Student Orientation is a series of interactive sessions, tours, and social activities that introduce you to Yale and GSAS policies, resources, New Haven, and your peers in a friendly, and informal atmosphere. Your department or degree program will also host orientation events during this time. Attendance is required for all incoming degree-seeking
students. A detailed online schedule of Orientation events will be available mid-summer, but here are two important dates to keep in mind:

- **August 19, 2019** - Orientation begins. Check in at the McDougal Center, 135 Prospect St. between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. *You must bring original, unexpired documents in order to complete your I-9 form.* For more information on valid documentation, please see the [Checklist for GSAS Students Entering 2019](#).

- **August 22, 2019** - GSAS Matriculation Day and required training sessions.

Please note that the Yale Graduate Housing "new student dorm move-in schedule" is separate from GSAS check-in. Housing provides room keys only, not Yale IDs. For graduate dorm information, please contact [housing@yale.edu](mailto:housing@yale.edu) directly.

Also, note the following important dates:

- **August 28, 2018** - GSAS classes begin
- **August 31, 2018** - First stipend payment for new Ph.D. students

If you have general questions about life at Yale and your transition to New Haven, please contact McDougal Graduate Student Life Staff at gsas.newstudents@yale.edu or +1.203.432.2583. Connect with your future Yale classmates on the [2019 New GSAS Students](#) Facebook page.

### 6) Yale Email

Throughout the late spring and summer, important Yale updates and reminders will be sent only to your Yale email address ([kimberly.vish@yale.edu](mailto:kimberly.vish@yale.edu)), so please monitor that account regularly. To access your Yale email, you will need to activate your NetID. You should have already received NetID activation instructions and the necessary PIN number, which are also available on your Application Status Portal. You can also access Yale websites and resources from anywhere in the world using Yale's secure Virtual Private Network (VPN).

### 7) International Students

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) will be in touch with you directly via email if additional information is needed to issue your I-20 or DS-2019. In the interim, please feel free to review [Information for New GSAS Students](#).

**Doctoral Students:** Please be sure that you have completed the form, "[Address for Immigration Documents](#)." Prompt completion of this form will insure that your immigration paperwork is sent to the proper address.

In addition to the GSAS Orientation, which begins August 19, 2019, international students are also required to attend a mandatory check-in and orientation session with the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS). International students will receive a separate invitation from OISS; be sure to RSVP promptly to secure a time that will work with your travel plans.

International students with immigration-related questions may contact the Office of International Students and Scholars at [newstudents.oiss@yale.edu](mailto:newstudents.oiss@yale.edu).

### 8) Data Collection Survey (Optional)
Some programs at Yale are required to report aggregate data about graduate students to their funding sources. To assist us with data collection, please consider filling out this optional demographic survey.

Thank you for your attention to these important requirements. We look forward to your arrival at Yale this fall.

Sincerely,

Office of Admissions
Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
Yale University

gsas.yale.edu/admissions