Dear (name),

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

While academic continuity plans for the fall term are in development, we are working hard to prepare for the start of the 2020-21 academic year. As the university decisions continue to evolve, we will be in touch and communicate new information as it becomes available.

If you have not already, we recommend reviewing recently released information on these pages:

- **Yale’s phased approach for reactivating the campus** - from Yale Provost, Scott Strobel, May 13, 2020
- **Yale in the months ahead** - from Yale President, Peter Salovey, to the Yale community, April 21, 2020
- **Yale University COVID-19 Actions & Response** - University-wide page
- **Yale GSAS COVID-19 FAQs** - for currently-enrolled graduate students
- **The Impact of COVID-19 on the Admissions Process** - for newly-admitted students
- **FAQs for Newly Admitted International Students** - from the Yale Office of International Students and Scholars

We know that the situation at Yale and around the world is uncertain. Yale's President is planning to announce plans for the fall semester by early July. In the interim, please prepare to attend Yale in person this fall. 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.

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1) **Checklist for GSAS Students Entering 2020**

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 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 email id.center@yale.edu.

3) Required Vaccination Record & Health Exam
Please review the "Instructions for Graduate and Professional Students" 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) 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.

b) 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.

Please complete the above forms by August 1, if possible.

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

How to Send Your Final Transcript:
1. Certified Electronic Transcripts (preferred method):
If your institution is able to send a certified electronic transcript (from Parchment, eSCRIP-SAFE, Digitary, National Student Clearinghouse, etc.) 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.

2. Traditional Paper Transcripts:
If your institution will be mailing a paper transcript to us it must be mailed via the US Postal Service (only) to:

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

Due to COVID-19, Yale staff are currently working remotely. Therefore, transcripts sent through the US Postal Service will be held and processed when the Yale campus reopens to staff.

Note: Courier deliveries (e.g. FedEx, UPS, DHL) are not being accepted at this time, since Yale buildings are closed due to COVID-19 and unable to receive packages. We will update our Transcript FAQ page when courier delivery resumes. If you need to use a courier service to send your transcripts, we advise that you wait to send your transcript until delivery resumes.

For more information, please see: Transcripts FAQs.

5) Graduate School Orientation
GSAS will host a new student orientation before the start of classes. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.

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

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. You may also connect with your future Yale classmates on the 2020 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 (first.last@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 and COVID-related FAQs for Newly Admitted International 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, 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.

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, and we will be in touch as soon as possible with more information.

Sincerely,

Office of Admissions
Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
Yale University

gsas.yale.edu/admissions