New incoming students

• Your assistantship starts August 15th; please plan to arrive early so you can sign up for Payroll no later than this date.
• Complete the payroll packet and have your payroll verification documents available for payroll sign-up in the University Human Resources Office in 3810 Beardshear. (Originals required; no copies will be accepted.)
• Students are paid once per month on the last working day of the month. But note August paycheck will be for a partial month, from August 15-31.
  • International Students check here. Fall International Student Orientation including registering for the English Placement Test for Fall
  https://apling.engl.iastate.edu/english-placement-test/.

Prior to arrival

• Obtain ISU Net ID (let Dai know your new email address).
  ➢ This is your log-in for campus computers and CyMail. Your University ID number is on your Letter of Intent.
• Obtain login for ACCESS PLUS
  ➢ To obtain an ACCESS PLUS password, call 515-294-4000, option 1, and ask for a temporary password. They will ask you for your University ID number. You will be able to use your temporary password to get into ACCESS PLUS. The second screen will ask you to reset your password to one of your own choice. This password must be 8 characters of which one must be numerical and one must be a letter. Once you have access to ACCESS PLUS you will be able to register for courses.
• Sign up for lab safety training
  • Setting up a login for Environmental Health and Safety for Lab Training online: https://training.ehs.iastate.edu/IowaSU/site/. This can be taken before you arrive or by the end of the first week. It takes a minimum of 1-2 business days to create your account. After you receive your login information you will (1) log into the learning management system, (2) click on the Course Catalog under My Menu, (3) scroll through the alphabetized ONLINE Course Catalog, and (4) click the Launch link next to the desired course. Take "Laboratory Safety: Core Concepts" and "Fire Safety and Extinguisher Training". Do not use Internet Explorer as your browser. Everything else should be okay.
• Sign up through ACCESS PLUS for fall courses. Full time is 9 credits but may sign up for 12 total.
  Recommended:
  ➢ GRST 565 Professional Practices in Science & engineering – Responsible Conduct of Research (1 Cr)
  ➢ Micro 551 Microbial Diversity and Phylogeny (1 Cr)
  ➢ Micro 552 Bacterial Molecular Genetics and Physiology (1Credit)
  ➢ Micro 553 Pathogenic Microorganisms (1 Credit)
- **Micro 604**  Microbiology Seminar (1 Credit)
- **BBMB 404**  Biochemistry (3 Credits)
- **Micro 697**  Graduate Research Rotation (4 Credits)
  - BBMB 404 is offered in class in the fall and on-line every semester (extra charge for on-line).
  - If you have taken Biochemistry courses before and passed with a B grade or higher, you should obtain syllabi from previous institution to show you have met BBMB 404 and BBMB 405 requirements.
  - Ask Dai for the reference number for your major professor if you are taking MICRO 699 Research.

- In **ACCESS PLUS**: Student Tab; Class Registration; Continue; Agree/Continue; Enter courses.
  - **Schedule of Classes**
  - Rotation students should be thinking about which lab to perform rotation in and contact the professors directly. Each rotation should run about 6 to 8 weeks; plan your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd rotations accordingly.

**Upon arrival at ISU**

- Obtain ISU ID card. 0530 Beardshear Hall; take photo ID
- Sign up for health insurance (paid by IM program) on-line through ACCESS PLUS (Student Tab). If you want dental insurance also, you may sign up for it at the same time as health insurance. NOTE: students pay for their dental insurance, but it is subsidized. You need to be registered for classes before you can sign up.
- Let Dai know when you are on campus, provide email address, and contact information.

**Upcoming Events**

- **IM Program Meet & Greet Orientation and Lunch**: Tuesday, August 14, at NOON in room 221 Science I.
- **Faculty Presentations and Poster Presentations**: Friday, August 17
- Classes begin Monday, August 20, 2017.
- **Graduate and Professional Student Orientation**: Thursday, August 23
- **IM Graduate Program Fall Picnic**: TBD
- **IM Annual Retreat**: TBD

A peer mentor is there to help answer any questions you may have. Contact your peer mentor as needed.