

International Student Guide III: *Campus Life*



**The George Washington University
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Getting Involved!

Looking for ways to get involved at GW? You can find countless opportunities within the GW community

Multicultural Student Services Center (MSSC)

URL: <https://mssc.gwu.edu/>

The MSSC provides many opportunities for GW students to explore diverse culture. The MSSC hosts events, symposium, and has a resource center. You can connect with other cultural groups and enhance your cultural competency!

- Cultural Heritage Month

The MSSC acknowledge each Cultural Heritage Month:

January: Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

February: Black Heritage Month

March: Women's History Month

April: Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month

September 15th - October 15th:

Latino Heritage Month

November: Native-American Heritage Month
& Mixed Race Awareness Month

- LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) Resource Center

<https://mssc.gwu.edu/lgbtqia-community>

Location

2127 G St., NW

(202) 994-7010

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Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service

URL: <http://serve.gwu.edu/>

 <https://www.facebook.com/GWserves>

The Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service aims to integrate civic engagement into George Washington University's educational work. We focus GW's resources to meet community needs beyond the campus, promote active citizenship in a diverse democracy, and enhance teaching, learning and scholarship at GW

Center for Student Engagement

URL: <http://studentengagement.gwu.edu/>

The Center for Student Engagement enhances all aspects of the student experience by fostering communities that promote learning and development and prepares students to make positive contributions in the world. Visit the CSE to learn about the hundreds of programs you can participate in!

GW TRAILS

URL: <http://studentengagement.gwu.edu/trails>

You can find a way to get outside and enjoy all that the D.C. and surrounding areas at TRAILS. All of trips are open to GW students, faculty and staff. You can find out about next trip, plan your own trip through the online resource center, or rent outdoor gear for your next adventure.

Student Organizations at GW




URL: <http://studentengagement.gwu.edu/directory-student-orgs>

GW offers more than 400 student organizations! GW student organizations exist to provide GW students the opportunity to enrich their co-curricular experience and by producing a diverse array of student activities that benefit and enlighten the GW community.

GSEHD Student Association

URL: <http://gsehd.gwu.edu/students#student-organizations>

GSEHD has a variety of student organizations which may be an interest of you!

- Chi Sigma Iota Rho Theta
http://www.csi-net.org/members/group.aspx?code=rho_theta
- Higher Education Student Association
http://studentorgs.gwu.edu/merlin-cgi/p/so_printRegisteredOrgDetail/d/435
<http://studentorgs.gwu.edu/hesa/home/>
 <https://www.facebook.com/GWUHESA>
- HRD-HOL Student Association
http://studentorgs.gwu.edu/merlin-cgi/p/so_printRegisteredOrgDetail/d/1691
<http://studentorgs.gwu.edu/hrd>
 <https://www.facebook.com/pages/HRDHOL-Student-Association/264055590306418>
- International Education Association
http://studentorgs.gwu.edu/merlin-cgi/p/so_printRegisteredOrgDetail/d/681
 <https://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Education-Association-GWU/106784483886?fref=ts>
- Museum Education Student Association
http://studentorgs.gwu.edu/merlin-cgi/p/so_printRegisteredOrgDetail/d/2058

Office of Student Life

The Office of Student Life serves as an integral part of the Graduate School of Education and Human Development's student centered learning community. The integration of admissions, student services and career services into one coalescing office embraces the journey of the academic lifecycle from the point of applying to the University to graduation and beyond.

We are committed to enhancing the student's academic experience, broadening the opportunities for professional development and forging collaborative relationships with faculty, staff and administrative offices within the school and across the University in order to better serve applicants, current students and alumni

Please Join GSEHD international students Facebook page!

 <https://www.facebook.com/GSEHD#!/groups/internationalgsehd/>

We are going to host great events for GSEHD students

- **Monthly brown bag lunches**
- **Community services events**
- **Thanksgiving and holiday celebration**
- **Much more!**

Ask GSEHD Students!

“I chose GW because it provides me with a very culturally diverse experience to interact with people with cultural ethnic backgrounds. Here in DC, I can also have tons of opportunities for academic and professional development. It is really fun place to live, study, explore and develop professionally”

-Xi Liu, China
PhD Counseling,
China

Ning Zhou

MA Secondary Education,
Class of 2014
Hangzhou, China

“I am studying secondary education program, and I enjoy a lot!! I love my academic advisor, Dr. Chamot. She is great!”

“I chose GW because of its great location in the heart of nation’s capital. There are many internships, jobs, and networking opportunities in Washington D.C that I can't get anywhere else! I strongly believe that studying in GW will lead me to a successful future career.”

-Shizuka Nishimura

MA International Education,
Class of 2014
Tokyo, Japan

-Jiye Kim

MA Curriculum Instruction
Class of 2014
Soule, South Korea

“The most enjoyable thing about GWU is that I can study education in the context of our society. As a benefit to study in Washington, D.C., there are great opportunities to think and talk about what is happening in the society where children live and how educators can advocate for children. My experience at GWU gives a new perspective, which is different from education theories that I used to study the most in Korea. I have also learned what diversity is in education and what an active educator means.”

"The professors here are deeply committed to your success, be it academic or professional.

Their doors are always open and within a matter of weeks I felt that I belonged here. The stimulating discussions in and out of the classroom have made my time here at GSEHD truly rewarding."

-Anisha Singh

MA international Education,
Class of 2015
Deli, India

"D.C is an international hub. There is such a high concentration of international headquarters, embassies, and consulates, that opportunities to engage with international communities are overwhelming.

-Jenna Hartselle

MA International Education,
Class of 2014
California, USA

Since I'm in international education, GW's advantageous locations, along with the strong reputation of the program in the international education profession, made it an ideal choice for me!"

"I enjoy studying at GSEHD because I am immersed in a diverse community committed to learning and sharing experiences. An aspect of the counseling program that I value is having the opportunity to learn from faculty and students with such unique backgrounds."

- Devon DeCataldo

MA Counseling,
Class of 2014
New York, USA

Volunteer Organizations

If you are interested in developing hands-on experience to supplement your academics, volunteering is an excellent option. Not only will you be contributing to your community, you will be learning valuable skills and expanding your community to include people with similar interests as yourself. Browse the resources below to get started!



[Arlington Community Volunteer Network \(CVN\)](http://www.arlingtonva.us/CVN): Community Volunteer Network (CVN) is an active social network of young adults (20s & 30s) dedicated to making a positive difference in Arlington through volunteering, building networks, socializing, and developing leaders. We host monthly volunteer activities, meetups and occasional community forums to engage young adults in civic minded activities here in Arlington.

Website: www.arlingtonva.us/CVN



[Global Language Network \(GLN\)](http://www.theglcn.org): GLN offers affordable language courses to members of the DC community. You can volunteer with this non-for-profit organization in a number of different ways, such as: teaching, teacher support, program analysis, communication, fundraising, outreach, and event planning. As a volunteer you have the benefits of priority registration for classes, professional development, and meeting fellow language-learners!

Website: www.theglcn.org



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[HandsOn Greater DC Cares](http://www.greaterdccaes.org/): HandsOn Greater DC Cares comprehensively mobilizes volunteers and strengthens nonprofits to better impact communities and the key issues in the Greater DC region. We work with a network of more than 860 nonprofits, 43,000 volunteers and a host of corporate and foundation partners to positively impact the region.

Website: www.greaterdccaes.org/



[One Brick](http://washingtondc.onebrick.org/): One Brick provides support to local non-profit and community organizations by creating a unique, social and flexible volunteer environment for those interested in making a concrete difference in the community. We enable people to get involved, have an impact and have fun, without the requirements of individual long-term commitments.

Website: washingtondc.onebrick.org/



[Serve DC](http://www.serve.dc.gov): Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism is the District of Columbia Government agency dedicated to promoting service as an innovative, sustainable solution to pressing social challenges. Serve DC engages District communities by building partnerships and organizational capacity, leading local and national volunteer and service initiatives, and providing and promoting meaningful service opportunities.

Website: www.serve.dc.gov



[Volunteer Match](http://www.volunteermatch.org): VolunteerMatch strengthens communities by making it easier for good people and good causes to connect. The organization offers a variety of online services to support a community of **[nonprofit](#)**, **[volunteer](#)** and **[business leaders](#)** committed to civic engagement.

Website: www.volunteermatch.org

Community Building & Networking Opportunities

Networking is about making connections and building lasting relationships throughout your career. Being a professional as well as a graduate student in Washington, DC opens up a wide variety of networking opportunities that you would not find elsewhere. Many of these events are informal, include professional development components and function much like social events. Taking advantage of these opportunities will give you an edge up in your career and will help you build a community in the city.



GSEHD Student Associations: Student life is an important component of a GSEHD education. As future leaders, teachers, researchers, and policy makers, becoming involved in student association is a great way to build a professional community, gain knowledge outside the classroom, or volunteer as a student leader. The Office of Student Life encourages all GSEHD students to participate in existing groups or to establish a new group around a particular interest or topic.

Website: <http://gsehd.gwu.edu/students/studentorganizations>



GW Toastmasters International: The George Washington University Toastmasters Club is one of many chapters in the internationally renowned network of public speaking organizations known as Toastmasters International. They were founded in 2005 and our club is open to students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members. Toastmasters helps members improve their public speaking and leadership skills to use in academic, professional, and personal settings. They meet on campus several times per month, providing members and guests with several opportunities to participate in meetings.

Website: <http://studentorgs.gwu.edu/gwutoastmasters/>



International Club of DC: Washington's premiere organization for internationally-minded professionals who enjoy international cultural experiences as well as social, educational, and outdoor events while helping the community. They organize a variety of private events for our members each month. Join them as they venture out to discover your city and your world.

Website: <http://www.internationalclubdc.com/>



International Embassies in DC: With more than 175 embassies, ambassadors' residences and foreign cultural centers in the nation's capital, you can easily explore Washington, DC's international side. Many embassies open their doors to the public for concerts, exhibitions, dinners and other special events.

Website: <http://washington.org>



LinkedIn: Our mission is simple: connect the world's professionals to make them more productive and successful. When you join LinkedIn, you get access to people, jobs, news, updates, and insights that help you be great at what you do.

Website: www.linkedin.com



Meetup: Meetup is the world's largest network of local groups. Meetup makes it easy for anyone to organize a local group or find one of the thousands already meeting up face-to-face. More than 9,000 groups get together in local communities each day, each one with the goal of improving themselves or their communities.

Website: <http://www.meetup.com>



Professionals in the City: Professionals in the City is a socializing and networking organization that offers professionals in major cities an opportunity to unwind, have fun, and meet people who share their interests outside of the workplace. From happy hours and theme parties at the best clubs and restaurants, to embassy galas, sporting events, outdoor activities and tours, you can be sure there is something for everyone.

Website: <http://www.prosinthecity.com>



Things To Do® D.C.: With a membership consisting of 150,000 to 200,000 local young professionals, Things To Do® (TTD) produces original events that enrich your social and cultural experiences while enabling you to meet other young professionals in a friendly environment. From black tie galas to embassy affairs, informational seminars to outdoor adventure, nightclub parties to exotic weekend getaways, TTD provides something for every young professional.

Website: www.thingstododc.com

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

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Questions regarding Visa and Immigrations

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