To Do List for Incoming EECS Graduate Students

- Activate your bConnected account through your CalCentral Dashboard. (This will activate your @berkeley.edu email.) You will log into CalCentral using your CalNet ID and passphrase.
- Set up an Electronic Funds Transfer account
- Domestic Students: complete the FAFSA by June 15. (Please ignore the deadline on the website)
- International Students: complete the NIF through the Berkeley International Office
- Complete the Sexual Violence/Sexual Harassment Prevention online training, “Think About It.” Starting July 5, 2016 the online training will be available. You will receive an email invitation for this training at your @berkeley.edu email. The training will also be available through CalCentral.
- Begin making housing arrangements for when you arrive at Berkeley. You can investigate housing options through the Housing Office. You can also post a housing-wanted ad eecs-grads-housing@eecs.berkeley.edu. Please contact Shirley Salanio at shirley@eecs.berkeley.edu if you would like to be added to the listserv.
- Connect with other EECS incoming graduate students (and find even more housing options) on our Google Group: Cal-EECS-2016.
- Update all of your contact info in your CalCentral profile, especially your email address, which must be something you check frequently, and your new local Berkeley mailing address
- Make a PowerPoint slide with your name, a photo of yourself, your undergraduate institution, interests and, optionally, a short bio and/or message to the class. This slide will appear on a secured site and viewable to the EECS Department only. Email your slide to Diana Smith at diana.smith@eecs.berkeley.edu by July 15 (see sample sent via email)
- Review the “Where to Begin” PDF you received from Berkeley’s Graduate Division and read all Grad Division emails
- Mark your calendars with the following dates:
  - For all incoming EECS Graduate Students (international and domestic):
  - Monday, August 22, 12pm: EECS Graduate Student Orientation begins with lunch in the Wozniak Lounge
  - Tuesday, August 23, 8:30am: New Graduate Student Orientation (includes Sexual Violence/Sexual Harassment Prevention in-person training) in Dwinelle Hall
  - Wednesday, August 31, 10am & Tuesday, September 6, 11am: Sexual Violence/Sexual Harassment Prevention in-person training in the Wozniak Lounge. You must attend one of these sessions if you did not attend it during the New Graduate Student Orientation.
- For international students only. (Please note there is a mandatory document check and International Student Orientation):
  - Wednesday, August 17, 7:45am-12pm: International Graduate Student Orientation (mandatory) at International House
  - Wednesday, August 17, 3-5pm: New International Students Resource Fair at International House