



August 1, 2018

Dear Students,

On behalf of the president, faculty, staff, and current students, I want to welcome you to the CIIS community. Your new endeavor brings many opportunities, and we look forward to hearing about your upcoming transitions and transformations. Our Student Affairs team is ready to support you throughout your CIIS experience and eagerly awaits your arrival!

The New Student Orientation at CIIS's Mission Street campus will take place on Tuesday, August 28th, 2018. This orientation is an important part of your successful transition to the CIIS community.

In addition, you will be invited to attend your individual program orientation (please check with your Program Coordinator/Manager for dates and times). Note that all School of Undergraduate Studies students are required to attend a separate orientation on Friday, August 24th. Undergraduate students are welcome to attend the general orientation in addition to their required undergraduate orientation.

We ask those able to attend the August 28th orientation to RSVP at the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ciis-new-student-orientation-fall-2018-tickets-48660117722>.

An online orientation will be available on your Canvas dashboard no later than August 20th, and is encouraged for everyone (especially those unable to attend the August 28th Orientation).

An Overview of the Day

We will begin at 8:30am in Namaste Hall, 1453 Mission Street 3rd floor, with a continental breakfast. At 9:00am, we will open with a meditation, a welcome from our President, Provost, and Dean of Diversity and Inclusion. We will also have introductions from the CIIS Registrar and Financial Aid Offices. There will be several interactive presentations, including some with the Center for Writing & Scholarship, Online Learning, the Laurence S. Rockefeller Library, and Student Union. The scheduled portion of the day will conclude with lunch and the Student Resource Fair, complete with information on the various campus groups at CIIS as well as other important on- and off-campus resources, including health insurance, Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Business Office, and Student Affairs, and also local resources such as credit unions, museums, and fitness centers. This general orientation ends at 2:00pm. At this time, several program-specific orientations will begin, though not all are scheduled on that day. Please consult directly with your program for time and location, since some program orientations take place at other dates and times.



Overall, you will have an opportunity to meet students from a plethora of academic programs, engage in discussion and dialogue, and introduce yourself to the rich community found within CIIS. We look forward to welcoming you home.

Additional Information

Before arriving, some students find it helpful to join the **CIIS student listserv** in order to receive campus-related announcements and to connect to the larger student body. Once you log in to MyCIIS, instructions for joining this listserv can be found in the [Student Affairs tab of MyCIIS](#) (you must be logged in to MyCIIS to view these instructions). You may email studentaffairs@ciis.edu if you have any questions about this process.

The housing search is often a challenging part of a student's transition to the Bay Area. The CIIS student listserv is a helpful venue to pose questions and respond to listings from students and alumni. Additional housing information can be found at https://my.ciis.edu/ICS/Student_Life/Housing_Resources.inz.

www.511.org is a useful public transportation guide that can also assist you with your housing search.

Local parking options can be found [here](#) or in the Student Life section of MyCIIS.edu.

Lastly, please take a moment to read the attached announcement, "**Notice to Incoming Students with Disability Status**". This document is made available to all students at the beginning of their time at CIIS. Students with accommodations requests for Orientation day are asked to contact sds@ciis.edu.

Welcome to CIIS! We look forward to meeting you and to sharing in your CIIS experience.

Warmly,

Yunny Yip
Dean of Students