

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Gateway Bootcamp

Nominations due: Thursday, April 30, 2026

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the Call for Nominations for the **Gateway Bootcamp**. Students who may benefit from this program include, but are not limited to, students who are first-generation, have never attended a R1 institution, and/or are new to the U.S. system of higher education.

Overview of Schedule

The Graduate School will provide daily workshops Monday, August 3, 2026 – Thursday, August 6, 2026, tentatively from 7:30am – 1:00pm. These workshops will touch on foundational knowledge for those not familiar with graduate education and the unique learning opportunities and resources available at an R1 institution. Sessions will focus on topics such as Finding Your “*Why*,” an introduction to AI use in research, building data visualization charts, graduate-level writing tools and strategies, and a virtual scavenger hunt for participants to learn both academic and institutional terminology, and will be presented in collaboration with campus partners including the [UGA Libraries](#), the [Center for Teaching and Learning](#), [The Jill and Marvin Willis Center for Writing](#), the [Career Center](#), current graduate students, and more. Additionally, participants will complete the Gallup Clifton Strengths Assessment to learn more about themselves and how to apply this information in graduate school.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Have familiarity with the broad context of graduate education in a research-intensive university setting
- Locate appropriate resources on campus to solve problems that may arise during their graduate education journey
- Identify and take part in academic and professional development opportunities that can benefit personal and professional growth
- Create goals and measurement to evaluate their personally-defined success in their graduate education journey

Eligibility

All full-time doctoral and master’s students newly matriculating in fall 2026 are eligible to be nominated. Participants must be able to attend all four days. Programs may nominate up to three students.

Nomination Process:

The nomination process will open on **Thursday, April 2, 2026**. To nominate a student, Directors of Graduate Studies will navigate to the student's Person Record in GradSlate and click on the Application Tab. Under the section labelled **NOMINATE this APPLICANT/STUDENT**, select the **Gateway Bootcamp** link to complete the nomination form. The deadline to submit nominations is **Thursday, April 30, 2026**.

Awards Process:

The Graduate School will notify the Director of Graduate Studies in an email of the award decision by **Friday, May 8, 2026**. The awarded student will have until **Friday, May 22, 2026**, to accept or decline their admission to the **Gateway Bootcamp** program.

Questions:

Contact us at gradsuccess@uga.edu for more information or for assistance with your submission.