#### Marine Estuarine and Environmental Science Graduate Program



**MEES GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION'S** 

# STUDENT SURVIVAL GUIDE

2024-2025



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INSTITUTE OF MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY (IMET)

# MEES PROGRAM

WELCOME TO THE MEES GRADUATE PROGRAM. THE GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION FOR MEES HAS PUT TOGETHER THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE MEES SPANS MULTIPLE INSTITUTIONS, WHICH CAN BE CONFUSING. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT WITH MORE QUESTIONS.

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# **CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS**

GSO >

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# WELCOME TO MEES

#### EAR NEW STUDENTS,

**ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY** SYSTEM OF MARYLAND I WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO THE MARINE **ESTUARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL** SCIENCES (MEES) PROGRAM!

YOU HAVE JOINED A VIBRANT, HIGHLY **REGARDED PROGRAM THAT PROMISES TO PROVIDE AN** OUTSTANDING EDUCATION. **EXCITING EXPERIENCES, AND** THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH WORLD-CLASS SCIENTISTS. MEES HAS EXCELLENT FACILITIES OF OUR **OWN AND WE ARE LOCATED NEAR** SEVERAL FEDERAL LABS AND HAVE CLOSE COLLABORATIONS WITH STATE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES.

THIS OFFERS YOU THE **OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE** WITH THE BROADER SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AND CREATE PERSONAL CONNECTIONS THAT CAN GREATLY **BENEFIT YOUR CAREER AFTER YOU** GRADUATE.

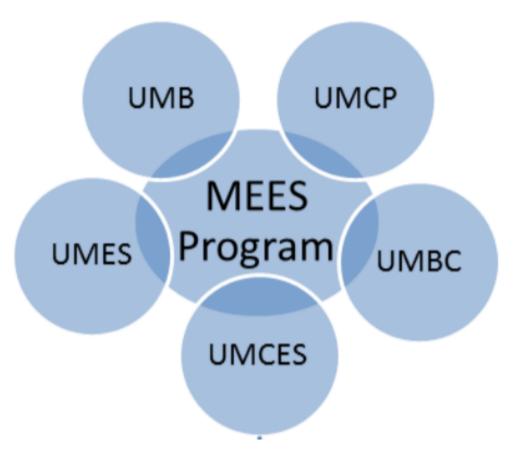
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## **GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

HE GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION (MEES GSO) IS HERE FOR MEES-WIDE QUESTIONS AND ISSUES. WE WERE ESTABLISHED IN SPRING 2021, WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION IN MEES TO HELP STUDENTS CLARIFY QUESTIONS THAT COME UP, AND TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM. WE WORK ON FUNDRAISING, REGULAR NEWSLETTERS, SOCIALIZING, RECRUITMENT, ORIENTATION, AND COLLOQUIUM. EMAIL US AT MEES-GSO@UMD.EDU.



#### FAR-REACHING

THE WILD WEB OF MEES

HE MEES PROGRAM SPANS FIVE DEGREE-GRANTING **INSTITUTIONS (ABOVE) ACROSS SIX CAMPUSES - COLLEGE** PARK, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE IN SALISBURY, IMET IN BALTIMORE, THE APPALACIAN LAB IN FROSTBURG, CBL IN SOLOMONS ISLAND, AND HORN POINT IN CAMBRIDGE. BECAUSE OF THIS GEOGRAPHIC SPAN, MEES HAS ALWAYS HOSTED COURSES REMOTELY, AND WE WELCOME STUDENTS TO EXPAND THEIR GRADUATE **EXPERIENCE TO INCORPORATE ASPECTS THROUGHOUT** THIS COMMUNITY.

# IMPORTANT LINKS - ALL MEES

# IMPORTANT DATES - ALL MEES

August 26, 2024 Fall First Day of MEES Classes

August 30, 2024 Last Day to Drop Classes

September 9, 2024 Deadline for Fall 2024 Graduation Application

December 19, 2024 Fall Last Day of MEES Classes

January 27, 2025 Spring First Day of MEES Classes

March 16-23, 2025 MEES Spring Break

February 7th, 2025 Deadline for Spring 2025 Graduation Application

May 13, 2025 Spring Last Day of MEES Classes

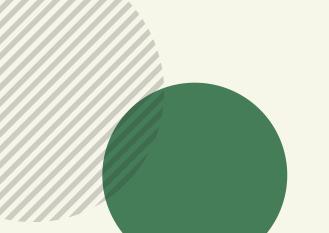
<u>TESTUDO</u> Class Organizing Website

<u>MEES GSO Slack</u> Social Medium for MEES Students

MASTER'S REQUIREMENTS A MEES-Wide Checklist for MS Students

<u>PhD REQUIREMENTS</u> A MEES-Wide Checklist for PhD Students

MEES COURSE CATALOG



# TIPS & TRICKS

#### WHEN EMAILING MEES:

- Always include which campus you work from
- It can be helpful to remind them how you're funded/who your advisor is
- Be friendly! They want to know you and are great at remembering who you are
- Don't be shy to politely follow up

# **REQUIRED CLASSES**

#### ALL MEES STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE:

- Your foundation course
- 1 Issue study group class
- 2 Seminars in MEES
- 3 Professional Development Classes (1 of which is Applied Environmental Science)
- Research credits (Dependent on degree and institution)

# **REQUIRED PAPERWORK**

# REGARDLESS OF DEGREE, INSTITUTION OR CAMPUS, BE SURE TO SEND THE FOLLOWING TO MEES:

- Initial Advisory Committee Meeting Report (Due by End of 2nd Semester)
- Annual Student Progress Report (Due September 30 Annually)
- Proposal Submission (Email MEES)
- Nomination of Members for Final Committee
- Announcement of Defense
- Thesis (MS), <u>Dissertation</u> // <u>Comprehensive Exams</u> (PhD)

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESOURCES

#### CRITICAL LINKS:

ACH CAMPUS HAS AN OFFICE FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS, SUPPORTING THEIR COMMUNITY AND HELPING THEM ACHIEVE THEIR ACADEMIC, PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS. THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICES OFFER A VARIETY OF SERVICES, SUCH AS IMMIGRATION ADVISING (VISA STATUS-RELATED), COMMUNITY BUILDING, AND WORK AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY SUPPORT (CPT, OPT, AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS). FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT WEBSITES FOR YOUR ENROLLED CAMPUS.

### UMCP, UMCES:

<u>International Student and</u> <u>Scholar Services (ISSS)</u>

**UMES:** 

<u>Center for International</u> <u>Education (CIE)</u>

### UMBC:

<u>International Student and</u> <u>Scholar Services (ISSS)</u>

UMB:

<u>Office of International</u> <u>Services</u>



#### GSO >

HE MEES GSO KNOWS THAT LEAVING YOUR HOME AND CULTURE IS STRESSFUL FOR EVERYONE, AND TO DO THAT DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL IS AN EXTRA LAYER OF STRESS. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO THE GSO FOR ANY REASON. THE GSO HAS BOTH AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS HAPPY TO LISTEN AND HELP YOU FIND RESOURCES AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.



# THE FOUNDATIONS

#### Environmental Molecular Science & Technology

This foundation encompasses research topics that include current molecular approaches to study biodiversity, bioremediation, food chains, the discovery of drugs and enzymes from marine microbes and macroorganisms, sustainable aquaculture, biofuels, biogeochemistry of carbon cycling, and genomics/metabolomics or marine organisms. An entrepreneurship program is available for translation of scientific research into start-up business through the development of business plans and the formation of biotechnology start-up companies.

#### **Environment & Society**

In this foundation, students will obtain foundational knowledge of core theories and methods in the following domains of integrated social and environmental sciences: Coupled natural and human systems, cultural models of the environment, political ecology, participation and governance, ecological economics, and environmental ethics. Students will develop scholarship and practice in social science aspects of coupled natural human systems that include critical thinking, written and verbal communication, and practice in interdisciplinary fieldwork to hone skills in data collection and analysis, consensus building, and stakeholder analysis.

#### **Ecological Systems**

The Ecological Systems Foundation focuses on the interactions between organisms and their environment. From genes to ecosystems and from the mountains to the seafloor, previous student research in this area has included the development of techniques in landscape ecology, ecological genomics, and fisheries stock assessment. Our faculty draw from the traditions of individual, population, community, and ecosystem approaches, providing students with depth in their individualized training even as the curriculum promotes access to a variety of ecological perspectives. Students interested in pursuing ecological research or engaging in cross-disciplinary research are strongly encouraged to explore graduate work with us.

#### Earth & Ocean Sciences

Students will gain a fundamental understanding of the movement and transformation of materials and energy between mountain headwater and estuarine, coastal, and oceanic systems, including geomorphology and landscape dynamics, physical circulation and transport, chemical transformation, and biological reaction. This foundational area also includes elements of environmental chemistry, geochemistry, hydrology, and toxicology. In Earth and Ocean Sciences, we use a wide variety of techniques and approaches, including observing platforms and numerical models to investigate processes in each sub-system, build connections across systems, understand processes at multiple spatial scales, and foster interdisciplinary educational experiences for graduate students.

# COLLEGE PARK

#### DEGREE NEEDS >

### CHECKLIST FOR GRADUATION

**Register for Classes** 

• Aug 28 // Jan 24

- Add a Course
- Sept 11 // February 6

#### Drop a Course

- 100% Refund
  - August 25 // January 23
- 80% Refund
- Sept 11 // February 6
- 60% Refund
  - Sept 18 // February 13

40% Refund

- Sept 25 // February 20
- 20% Refund
  Oct 2 // February 27
- OCL 2 // February
- 0% Refund
  - Dec 11 // May 19

#### Online Application for

<u>Graduation</u>

• Sept 11 // Feb 6

#### Nomination for Final Examination Committee

- Sept 24 <u>Dissertation</u> <u>Committee Form</u>
   October 1 - Thesis Committee
- October 1 <u>Thesis Committee</u>
   <u>Form</u>

#### Defense/Thesis Paperwork

- November 12 Dissertation Deadline
- December 1 Thesis
   Deadline
- ETD Forms
- <u>Electronic Publication Form</u>

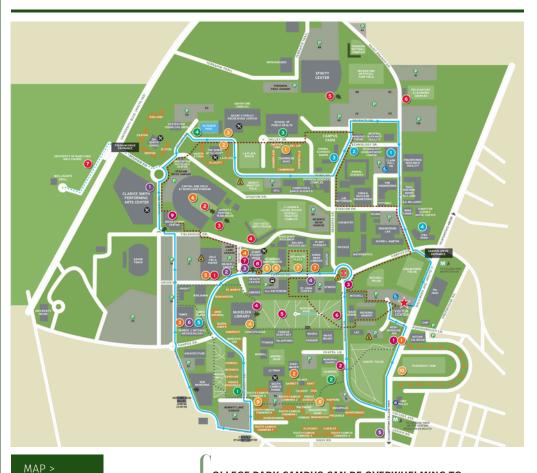
Click <u>here</u> for more deadline information



#### GSO REP >

### **QIANRU LIAO**

ianru is a MEES Ph.D. student in Bill Fagan's lab at the University of Maryland, College Park. Her research interests lie in the interface between geography and biology, focusing on spatial analysis of animal movement and the interaction between animals and their environments. Currently, She is working on the fate of the caribou project, which aims to understand how the timing of ice breaking and freezing of Arctic rivers and lakes affects caribou's migration routes and river crossing behaviors. <u>gianru@umd.edu</u>



CAMPUS GUIDE OLLEGE PARK CAMPUS CAN BE OVERWHELMING TO STUDENTS WHO HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED LARGE, URBAN-ADJACENT STATE COLLEGE CAMPUSES. THANKFULLY, SHUTTLE SERVICES ARE OFFERED THROUGHOUT CAMPUS.

MEES IS IN THE HJP BUILDING. THEY HOST A SMALL STUDY AREA, AND THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE LIBRARY OFFERS A GRADUATE STUDENT WRITING CENTER.

July

<u>Parking Lottery</u> Opens to Graduate Students

Deadline to Accept TA Position + Mandatory TA Training: Department dependent

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

registrar-help@umd.edu Registrar's Office

301-405-3667 <u>Dr. Mark A. Shayman</u> Professor and Graduate Student Ombudsman

(301) 314-7651 (non-urgent & urgent) <u>Counseling Center</u>

301-405-1142 titleIXcoordinator@umd.edu <u>Sexual Harassment & Sexual Misconduct</u>

301-405-1142 civilrights@umd.edu <u>Discrimination Misconduct</u>

410-706-0476 <u>Danielle Brown</u> Executive Director, Sponsored Programs Administration

<u>Vincent Lee</u> IRB Research Compliance

<u>Ms. Cecily Greene</u> (301) 538-7638 IACUC Research Compliance

biosafety@umd.edu Institutional Biosafety Committee Research Compliance

coi@umd.edu Conflicts of Interest Point of Contact

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# UMCES

#### DEGREE NEEDS >

### CHECKLIST FOR GRADUATION

**Register for Classes** 

• Aug 27 // Jan 21

#### Add a Course

• Sept 13 // February 4

#### Drop a Course

- Prior to the first day of classes: 100% refund.
- [Effective Spring 2023] During the first five days of classes: 100% refund.
- [Effective Spring 2023] After day 5 of schedule adjustment through the end of schedule adjustment: 80% refund.
- Anytime after the Schedule Adjustment Period: 0% refund.

# Online Application for Graduation

• First 10 days of graduation semester

#### Nomination for Final Examination Committee

- Sept 24 <u>Dissertation</u>
   <u>Committee Form</u>
- October 1 <u>Thesis Committee</u>
   <u>Form</u>

#### Defense/Thesis Paperwork

- November 12 Dissertation Deadline
- December 1 Thesis
   Deadline
- ETD Forms
- <u>Electronic Publication Form</u>

#### Statement of Mutual Expectations Form

 Due annually to the Education Office, this form is filled out during a meeting between the student and advisor(s) to establish expectations and discuss the advisor-student relationship.





#### GSO REP >

## ERIKA KOONTZ

rika is a Master's student in the Earth and Ocean Systems foundation and is based at UMCES' Horn Point Laboratory. She studies the spatial variability of sediment and vegetation characteristics of living shorelines in the Chesapeake Bay. ekoontz@umces.edu

## **CHELSEA FOWLER**

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## CAMPUS GUIDE

MCES IS THE INSTITUTION THAT HOSTS THE MAJORITY OF MEES STUDENTS. CAMPUSES WITHIN THE INSTITUTION THAT HOST RESEARCH STUDENTS INCLUDE THE APPALACHIAN LAB, IMET, CBL, AND HORN POINT. UMCES STUDENTS CAN ALSO BE CO-HOSTED AT COLLEGE PARK.

Friday, August 23th at 9 AM UMCES Virtual New Student Orientation

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Horn Point Laboratory 2020 Horns Point Road Cambridge, MD 21613 410-228-9250

UMCES students should refer to important ethics, certification, and reporting contacts at their laboratory and/or College Park. These contacts include:

Vice President for Education: Dr. Larry Sanford (lsanford@umces.edu)

**Director of Professional Studies** Richard Arnold (rrarnold@umces.edu)

Assistant to the Vice President for Education: Amy Griffin (agriffin@umces.edu)

Education Office: education@umces.edu

UMCES HR Director: Lisa Ross (lross@umces.edu)

UMCES Graduate Student Council: gradstudentcouncil@umces.edu

# BALTIMORE COUNTY

#### DEGREE NEEDS >

### CHECKLIST TO GRADUATION

#### Register for Classes

- Aug 29 // Jan 29
- UMBC students must submit a <u>USM Inter-Institutional</u> <u>Enrollment form (More</u> <u>Information</u>)

### Online Application for

- <u>Diploma</u>
- See below

#### Nomination for Final

#### **Examination Committee**

• At least 6 months prior to defense

#### Readiness to Defend Thesis

- At least 2 weeks before defense
- Master's Form
- PhD Form

#### Completion of Requirements Form

- Due the last day of graduation term
- Master's Requirement (<u>Form</u>)

#### Thesis Filing Requirements

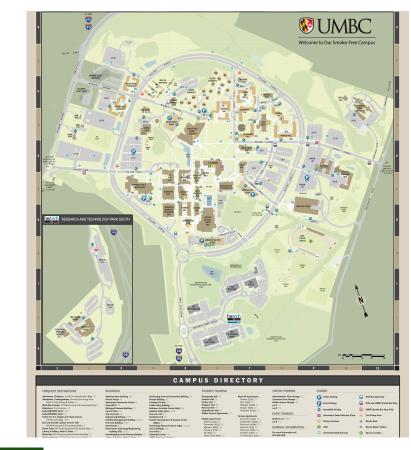
- Check website for deadline
- Master's Form
- <u>PhD Form</u>



### HANNAH BRUNELLE

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annah is a master's student at IMET and her host institution is UMBC. Her foundation is Ecological Systems and she Is working In Dr. Allison Tracy's lab. hannahb7@umbc.edu



#### MAP >

CAMPUS GUIDE HOUGH YOU MAY NOT BE SPENDING THE MAJORITY OF YOUR TIME ON THE UMBC CAMPUS, SHOULD YOU EVER NEED TO VISIT CAMPUS WE HAVE PROVIDED A MAP. THIS MAP IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD <u>HERE</u>.

#### Deadline to apply to graduate

### August Graduation

Apply to Graduate: April 1 – June 15 Supplemental Application Due: June 30

### December Graduation

Apply to Graduate: July 1 – September 15

Supplemental Application Due: September 30

### May Graduation

Apply to Graduate: December 1 – February 15

Supplemental Application Due: March 1

### <u>Deadline to Submit Thesis</u>

- Fall: December 1
- Summer: August 1
- Spring: May 1

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Registrar's Office

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International Student and Scholar Services isss@umbc.edu

# BALTIMORE

#### DEGREE NEEDS >

### CHECKLIST FOR GRADUATION

Admission to Candidacy Form

<u>Check website</u>

### Nomination for Final

Examination Committee
At least 6 months prior to defense

#### ] Thesis or Dissertation Publication

Check <u>website</u>

#### Thesis Filing Requirements

• Check <u>website</u> for forms

#### Other Important Forms

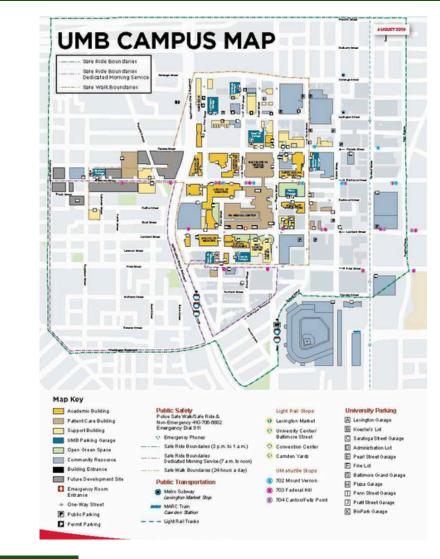
<u>Click here</u>



#### GSO REP >

### THIS COULD BE YOU!

We are always looking for more GSO reps, so If you are interested, please contact us! In the meantime, please reach out to other Baltimore students for campus specific issues.



MAP >

CAMPUS GUIDE MB IS ABOUT 1.5 MILES AWAY FROM IMET. YOU CAN WALK, DRIVE OR USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO COMMUTE. CHECK OUT THE <u>CAMPUS WALKING PATHS</u> TO ENSURE THAT YOU USE SAFE AND SECURE ROUTES.

# IMPORTANT LINKS

One Card Registration

UMB SURFS

<u>UMB Shuttle</u>

SMC Campus Center

<u>The Elm</u>

UMB Graduate Student Association

UMB Student Resources

<u>URec Fit</u>

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

UMB Safe Walk/Safe Ride 410-706-6882

Student Counseling Center 410-328-8404

UMB Student Health Center 667-214-1899

Research Administrator and UMB Administrative Coordinator for IMET Students <u>Monika Neilson</u>

<u>Erin Golembewski</u> Senior Associate Dean, Graduate School

<u>Jamila Savage</u> Academic Coordinator

Office of the Registrar

Office of Accountability and Compliance

Human Research Protections Office

IACUC Research Compliance iacuc@som.umaryland.edu

# EASTERN SHORE

#### DEGREE NEEDS >

### CHECKLIST FOR GRADUATION

Progress checklist forms for MS and PhD students can be found on MEES Website:

- UMES M.S. Progress Checklist
- <u>UMES Ph.D. Progress</u>
   <u>Checklist</u>

#### Important deadlines/ dates for Fall 2023:

- August 28th: first day of class
- September 11th: Add/Drop period ends
- September 29th: Fall Graduation Deadline
- October 31st: Last Day for Tuition Remission
- December 11th: Last day of class
- December 13-19: Final Exam week

### TIPS FOR UMES STUDENTS

All UMES courses can be enrolled in your <u>Hawkweb</u> <u>account</u>.

Any courses taken outside of UMES (UMCP, UMBC, etc.), you'll need to fill out an Interinstitutional enrollment form. This form can be found <u>here</u>.

A tuition remission form needs to be filled out every semester once you register in your courses. It can be completed online <u>here</u>.

NOTE: email a copy of your completed tuition remission form to the registrar's office







#### GSO REP >

## **GILLEN CURREN**

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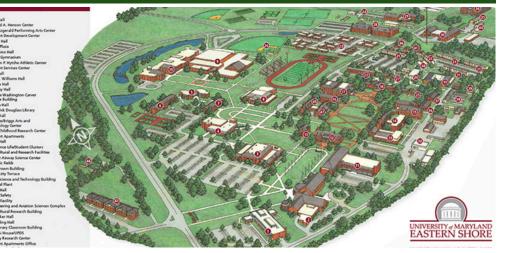
ayland is a third year PhD student and NOAA-LMRCSC fellow in the E&OS foundation working in the lab of Dr. Chigbu at UMES. In addition to her work on trophic relationships in the northern Gulf of Mexico, Kayland is also historian of the AFS Tidewater chapter-UMES student subunit.

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## JOSHUA AKINOLA

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### CAMPUS GUIDE

NIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE IS A LAND-GRANT, HISTORICALLY BLACK UNIVERSITY LOCATED ON MARYLAND'S SOUTHERN EASTERN SHORE.

Please refer to the <u>UMES</u> <u>Graduate School website</u> for up to date information on deadlines for graduation and other resources

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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<u>Betty Fosque</u> bafosque@umes.edu Benefits Coordinator/ Tuition Remission

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<u>Tysha R. Palmer</u> trpalmer@umes.edu Office of Research/ Compliance & Award Specialist

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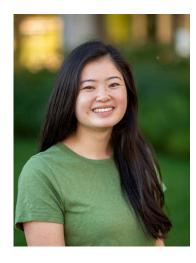
Dr. Victor Hsia 410-651-8491 Material Transfer

# IMET

#### DEGREE NEEDS >

### CHECKLIST FOR GRADUATION

Due to how many degree granting institutions are hosted at IMET, please check the guide for your degree granting institution to find guidelines on graduation steps.



#### GSO REP >

### ALLY KIDO

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#### **Baltimore Inner Harbor**



MAP >

### ABOUT IMET

RADUATE STUDENTS WORKING IN IMET PURSUE MASTER'S AND PHD DEGREES THROUGH BOTH THE MEES PROGRAM AND THE GPILS PROGRAM. STUDENTS WITHIN THESE PROGRAMS ARE ADVISED BY IMET FACULTY, BUT THEIR EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ARE OUTLINED BY THE UNIVERSITY THEIR ADVISOR BELONGS TO. FACULTY AT IMET CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THE SCHOOLS UNDER THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND. IF YOU ARE JOINING AN IMET LAB, PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR ADVISOR ABOUT WHAT UNIVERSITY THEY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH.

Refer to your degree-granting institution for these dates.

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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