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SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS GRADUATE SCHOOLS 2025 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

MEETING CHECK-IN & BOX LUNCH PICKUP
CENTRAL ACADEMIC BUILDING - VISTA ROOM

12:00 p.m. - 12:20 p.m.

ATGS ANNUAL MEETING WELCOME
CENTRAL ACADEMIC BUILDING - VISTA ROOM



Dr. Ting Liu
Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Texas A&M University-San Antonio

12:20 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Texas A&M University-San Antonio

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**INCREASING GRADUATE ENROLLMENT THROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARTNERSHIPS: A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL MODEL**

Dr. W. Sean Kearney
Regents Professor
Texas A&M University-San Antonio

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**THECB UPDATES AND BEST PRACTICES – GRADUATE PROGRAM APPROVAL
AND REVIEW**

Jessica Acton
Director of Academic Affairs
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**FROM PATHWAYS TO PURPOSE: EMPOWERING GRADUATE STUDENT
SUCCESS THROUGH A CAREER READINESS SYMPOSIUM**



Dr. Fuhui Tong
Associate Provost and Dean, Graduate and Professional School
Texas A&M University



Dr. Michael Mathis
Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Tarleton State University

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

AFTERNOON BREAK
VISTA ROOM FOYER

2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Graduate Education and Building a Talent Strong Texas



Sarah Keyton
Executive Director



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Deputy Commissioner
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

EMPOWERING GRADUATE WRITERS THROUGH AI-DRIVEN SUPPORT AND CROSS-INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

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Dr. Stephanie Link
Associate Professor Department of English
Oklahoma State University



Daniel Chang
Assistant Provost for Academic Programs
University of Houston



Dr. Sarah Larsen
Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
University of Houston

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

SUPPORTING GRADUATE STUDENT WELL-BEING THROUGH A MENTORING ACADEMY APPROACH



Sharanee P. Sytha
Professional Development Coordinator
Texas A&M University



Dr. Julie F. Harlin Wolf
Associate Dean
Texas A&M University

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cash Bar - Embassy Suites

7610 S. New Braunfels, San Antonio, TX 78235

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Banquet - Embassy Suites

7610 S. New Braunfels, San Antonio, TX 78235

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FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST : ETS Sponsor Presentation
CENTRAL ACADEMIC BUILDING - VISTA ROOM



9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

BUILDING ON AND OFF-CAMPUS RELATIONSHIPS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ADVOCATING FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION



Amy Scott
Associate Vice President for Government Relations and Public Policy
The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS)

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CSGS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH



Dr. Robin Poston
Associate Provost and Dean of Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies
Southern Methodist University

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

INNOVATIONS IN GRADUATE EDUCATION: A SYSTEM APPROACH



Dr. Stacey Silverman
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Planning and Policy
Texas A&M University System Office

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NAVIGATING THE CURRENT FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AND LEGAL LANDSCAPE



Mackenzie Murphy-Wiltong
Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents
The University of Oklahoma

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

NETWORKING LUNCH: EdVision Sponsor Presentation
CENTRAL ACADEMIC BUILDING - VISTA ROOM

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MENTAL HEALTH, MATRICULATION, AND MOMENTUM: BUILDING COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR GRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS



Dr. Jessica Davis
Assistant Dean, Professor
Texas Southern University

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TRANSFORMING THE CLASSROOM: UTILIZING LOCAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND LEARNING (CIRTL) TO FOSTER GRADUATE STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Sharanee P. Sytha
Professional Development Coordinator
Texas A&M University



Dr. Kevin Curley Jr.
Instructional Associate Professor
Texas A&M University



Dr. Julie F. Harlin Wolf
Associate Dean
Texas A&M University

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ATGS BUSINESS MEETING & MEETING WRAP-UP
CENTRAL ACADEMIC BUILDING - VISTA ROOM

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