



# ECE New Graduate Student Checklist 2025-2026

- ☐ [Activate](#) your UMD directory ID and [set up](#) your university email account. Students need to use the activation code to activate their directory ID. Please see the [instructions](#).
- ☐ Sign up with your new email to the ECE graduate student listserv by emailing [listserv@listserv.umd.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.umd.edu) with the message "subscribe ece-gradstudents <Your Name>" in the body of the email. All important department announcements are sent to graduate students through this listserv.
- ☐ Once on campus, you will need to obtain a graduate student ID from the Office of the Registrar in the Mitchell Building. You can use the ID to get discounts at the [Stamp Student Union](#).
- ☐ Contact your advisor. You can find our full faculty list [here](#).
- ☐ Register for fall courses via [Testudo](#) after activating your directory ID. Find information about classes in the ECE Graduate Student Handbook online. \*Be aware of the [add/drop deadlines](#).
- ☐ The [Bursar's Office](#), located in the [Lee Building](#), is your resource center for checking your balance, paying your bills, receiving refunds, and more. Please log into your Testudo account to view and pay your bill.
- ☐ All full-time enrolled graduate students are required to have health insurance. Please view the policy in the [Graduate Catalog](#). To learn more about your health insurance options, please visit the Graduate School's [Health Insurance Resource page](#). Students holding a graduate assistantship, please communicate with the ECE payroll coordinator, Jane Wang at [janewang@umd.edu](mailto:janewang@umd.edu). Please copy [ece-hr@umd.edu](mailto:ece-hr@umd.edu) on your email to Jane.
- ☐ Order books for your classes. You can find them in the University Book Center in the Stamp Student Union and online stores such as Amazon.com or Half.com.
- ☐ Send in your final BS or MS transcripts to the Graduate School (2123 Lee Building) if this is a condition of your admission. You will not be permitted to register for classes in your second semester if you do not do so. For more information, please visit this [link](#).
- ☐ Learn more about parking for the 2025-2026 academic year on the [Transportation Services website](#).
- ☐ Housing vacancies can be found through the [Office of Off-Campus Housing](#). There is also limited [on-campus housing](#) available to graduate students.
- ☐ Discounted computers and free software can be purchased or downloaded through the [Terrapin Tech program](#). Find them online or in the Stamp Student Union.
- ☐ Fill out your [immunization form](#) and upload it to [myuhc.umd.edu](http://myuhc.umd.edu). The form is required for you to sign up for second semester classes.