_2026_ School of Theater, Film and Television Fall Welcome Orientation Program Plan

For MFA Students in Directing and Playwriting and Ph.D. Students in the Department of Theater

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

8:30 – 9:20 AM	Check-In and Continental Breakfast	Theater Box Office Courtyard
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Dean's & Chairs Welcome & Distinguished Alumni Award	Freud Playhouse
11:00 – 12:15 PM	Chair's Welcome to Theater Students *with Jeff Burke*	Freud Playhouse
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Ph.D. Students Meeting *with Felipe Cervera, Sean Metzger, and Angela Robinson*	303A E. Melnitz Theater Conf Rm.
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Theater Graduate (PhDs and MFAs) Student and Faculty Reception *with Jeff Burke*	1340 Macgowan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

9:00 – 10:20 AM	Important Resources for TFT Students & Resource Fair Join us for our Campus Resource Fair! Meet campus partners, learn about resources and services available to help you get connected, supported, and settled into life in the UCLA TFT community. *Invited departments include: TFT Student Services; Ashe Center Bruin Love Station; Career Center; Case Management Services and Economic Crisis Response Team; CARE; Center for Accessible Education (CAE); Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS); Financial Wellness; Graduate Student Resource Center (GSRC); Graduate Writing Center (GWC); Ombuds; Resilience In your Student Experience (RISE); UCLA LGBTQ; UCLA Recreation FITWELL*	Bridges Theater
10:30 –11:50 AM	TFT Teaching Assistant and Special Readers **Mandatory for all NEW Teaching Assistants for Fall 2026.** *Open to all graduate students who will be or plan to be a Teaching Assistant in 2026-27)*	Bridges Theater
1:00 – 3:00 PM	New Theater Graduate Student Orientation *Graduate Counseling with Barrett Korerat*	2534 Melnitz
1:30 – 2:30 PM	2nd & 3rd MFA Directors Orientation with the Director of Production *with Christina Vacchiano*	1330 Macgowan
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Ph.D. students: Funding for Doctorate Students *with the Division of Graduate Education*	2534 Melnitz
3:00 – 4:00 PM	MFA Playwriting Students *meet with Sylvan Oswald and Dominic Taylor*	1350 Macgowan
3:15 – 4:00 PM	MFA Directing Students *meet with Marike Splint & Malika Oyetimein*	1330 Macgowan
4:00 – 6:00 PM	TFT Convocation	Freud Playhouse