

Department of Engineering and Public Policy (EPP)
PhD Program Visit Day Schedule
March 21-23, 2024

Most activities on Friday will take place in the EPP conference room, Wean Hall 3701, unless noted otherwise.

THURSDAY, March 21: Dinner with EPP graduate students

6:30pm Meet EPP Graduate Students in the lobby of the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Oakland. Event Coordinators: Courtney Jones (301-467-8410), Zia Lyle (512-698-0518), and Jillian Miles (804-386-4707)

FRIDAY, March 22: Departmental Visit Day

8:45am Breakfast with EPP graduate students. Meet EPP students in the Forbes A Ballroom of the Hilton Garden Inn. After breakfast students will escort you to the Carnegie Mellon campus.
Coordinator: Anna Cobb (678-863-0001)

10:00am Welcome and Department Overview, [Professor Peter Adams](#), Head of EPP

10:30am Agenda review, logistics, and reimbursement procedures, EPP Staff

10:45am Presentations by EPP Faculty
10:45 [Professor Destenie Nock](#)
11:00 [Professor Paulina Jaramillo](#)
11:15 [Professor Ramteen Sioshansi](#)

11:30am Break

11:45am PhD program overview and lunch with [Professor Nick Muller](#), Associate Department Head for Graduate Affairs

1:00pm Individual pre-arranged meetings with faculty begin. Each visitor will receive a separate schedule from Debbie prior to the visit.

3:30pm As schedule permits, Student Panel on Life in Pittsburgh and the CMU environment. Panelists: Jaih Hunter-Hill, Victor Ibarra, Zia Lyle, and Wei Xiao. Panel Moderator: Patrick Connor

5:30pm Dinner Reception. Location: Bosch Spark Room, 5201 Scott Hall
Directions to Scott Hall: Scott Hall and Wean Hall interconnect. From the Wean Hall 5100 corridor (where the EPP administrative offices are located) walk straight into Scott Hall 5th Floor. Reception will be just ahead, beyond the staircase.

7:30pm Pittsburgh sightseeing tour with EPP graduate students. The tour will immediately follow the dinner reception and will depart from the CMU campus (departure location TBD). Event Coordinators: Victor Ibarra (469-556-4983) and Yujin Seo (412-773-2585)

SATURDAY, March 23: Phipps Conservatory and Lunch

10:00am Meet EPP students in the EPP department main suite, Wean Hall 5125, walk to Phipps. If your schedule permits, stay for lunch at a nearby restaurant in Oakland. **Event Coordinator: Anthony Cheng (801-888-3912)**

Noon Lunch with EPP graduate students immediately following Phipps Tour. For those planning to just join for lunch, contact **Anthony Cheng** ahead of time for meeting arrangements.

Information on hotel, social activities, and contacts

Hotel Accommodations

[Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh University Place](#)

3454 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
Phone: 412-688-1933

Thursday -- Informal Dinner with Students

Join EPP MS & PhD students for an informal dinner. EPP students will meet you in the Hilton Garden Inn Lobby at 6:30pm. Event Coordinators are Courtney Jones (301-467-8410), Zia Lyle (512-698-0518), and Jillian Miles (804-386-4707)

Friday -- Dinner Reception and Pittsburgh Tour

After the dinner reception, join students for a 90-minute Molley's Trolley sightseeing tour of Pittsburgh. The tour will take you through downtown Pittsburgh and up to [Mount Washington](#) for a panoramic view of the city at night. Then ride the [Duquesne Incline](#) down the mountainside where the Trolley will be waiting to take you back to the hotel. Event Coordinators: Victor Ibarra (469-556-4983) and Yujin Seo (412-773-2585)

Saturday -- Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

[Phipps](#) is a short walk from the CMU campus located in Schenley Park. It is a historic landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The [Spring Flower Show](#) will be in bloom! Event Coordinator is Anthony Cheng (801-888-3912)

EPP Staff Contacts

For general questions or if special accommodations are needed, contact [Debbie Kuntz](#) 412-268-3303 or [Vicki Finney](#) 412-401-0246 prior to your visit. For questions on reimbursements contact [Kim Martin](#) 412-268-1987.