



Office of the Dean  
The Graduate School

To New Graduate Students:

Welcome to Stony Brook and to the Graduate School! We are delighted that you have chosen to continue your studies at Stony Brook University and I offer my personal congratulations on your getting admitted to such a great school. I also want to thank you because graduate students are the lifeblood of a research university and your presence here will enhance our creative, research and scholarly programs and the academic lives of our faculty.

Your timing is excellent as Stony Brook is in an exciting phase of development. We awarded our first Ph. D. 1966 so we're barely "middle aged". By 1995, the *National Research Council* ranked Stony Brook as the best public research university in the Northeast. Stony Brook University is cited eight times as being among the best in the nation in the current rankings of professional schools in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2009 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools." Funded research exceeded \$170M last year and is growing steadily. Not bad for a young University and your efforts here will help us to take the next step.

You'll see that the campus is in a building phase. Stony Brook University Hospital's Major Modernization Project (MMP) is in its fifth year of implementation, where the building will be expanded and renovated to improve its services to the community. The hospital remains as the largest hospital in the county, the only academic medical center on Long Island, and the only tertiary care hospital in Suffolk County. Stony Brook recently expanded after purchasing the Southampton Campus, which primarily offers undergraduate courses. Construction of the CEWIT Building (Center of Excellence in Wireless Technology) was just completed last Fall, which is an interdisciplinary center for the study of wireless and educational technologies.

Long Island is an extraordinary intellectual center with Stony Brook being placed midway between the nation's premier Department of Energy research laboratory (Brookhaven National Laboratory) and the nation's leading privately funded Biological Research Laboratory (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory). Our students also enjoy access to advanced doctoral courses in New York City as the result of Stony Brook's membership in the Inter University Doctoral Consortium. Long Island is a beautiful place to live, surrounded by beaches, richly endowed with vineyards on the East end, filled with beautiful hamlets, like Cold Spring Harbor, Sag Harbor and Stony Brook village, and, of course, within easy reach of Manhattan.

Stony Brook's future depends a great deal on its ability to recruit and to retain outstanding graduate students so the Graduate School, the Administration and the faculty extend a warm welcome to you. We are committed to helping you realize your professional goals, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you think we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lawrence Martin  
Dean, The Graduate School