

Welcome to *Foundations*! This curriculum – created by the Technology, Innovation, and Education program of the Harvard Graduate School of Education – is designed to help you prepare for an exciting year of graduate study.

We hope that this advance look at some key themes in education – about the nature of learning, working in groups, the role of information technology, and social and historical contexts – will be a provocative and energizing head start.

For each of the four chapters in the main menu, you'll find a brief video perspective from a TIE faculty member, along with some carefully selected readings. Further information on system requirements and using *Foundations* can be found in the readme file on this CD. A help page can also be reached from the main menu.

Later this summer, you will also have the opportunity to participate in the *Foundations* Web site. Here you'll find activities and discussions to help you engage with the ideas – along with the opportunity to start meeting and learning from fellow students in TIE. We will send out the *Foundations* URL when the site becomes available.

*Foundations* is not a course, and you won't receive a grade or course credit. However, participating in the readings and the online activities will help you make the most of your time at HGSE.

See you in September!