

Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Program

What is PFF?

The mission of ODU's Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Program is to expose graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to the diverse roles, responsibilities, and rewards of an academic career. It focuses particularly on the teaching and service roles sometimes not included in doctoral training. Fundamental research skills, such as grant writing, publishing, and academic job searching, are also addressed.

Who is PFF for?

All graduate students are welcome! PFF is especially useful for students interested in an academic career at a university, liberal arts college, private college, or community college. Faculty and postdoctoral fellows are welcome to participate.

How can the PFF Help Me?

Less than half of ODU graduate students are prepared for an academic career as a faculty member in higher education.

PFF programming fills professional development needs addressed by graduate programs:

1. Work-life balance
2. Career planning
3. Career exploration
4. Socialization into academia
5. Teaching foundations

PFF events offer lessons, tips, strategies, and advice to help you:

- ✓ Maintain sanity as a graduate student
- ✓ Succeed as a graduate student
- ✓ Become a better teacher
- ✓ Become a better researcher
- ✓ Explore your academic career options



Preparing Future Faculty Certificate

The overall goal of the PFF Program is help you better prepare for an academic career.

PFF hosts at least 2 PFF events each semester.

PFF events are offered as 'live' events on campus, synchronously on the web, and as recordings available on the PFF website.

The **Preparing Future Faculty Certificate** can be earned by:

1. Completing a semester-long, mentored teaching-related experience
2. Attending at least 5 academic career-related events. A minimum of 3 must be PFF-sponsored events.
(A list of non-PFF events that count towards the PFF certificate is available on the PFF website).

Completion of the PFF Certificate is noted on your ODU transcript. Any degree-seeking graduate student, adjunct faculty or postdoctoral fellow is eligible for the PFF Certificate.



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