



The Graduate School



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Welcome to the monthly newsletter focusing on professional and career development for ODU graduate students. This newsletter is brought to you by [ODU Career Pathways](#), a university-wide career and professional development program for graduate students and post-doctoral scholars.

About career pathways

ODU is committed to supporting graduate student success by providing career and professional development programs to bridge graduate school and career success. The Career Pathways program provides resources, programs, events, and planning tools to help graduate students transition into thriving careers upon completion of their graduate degree programs. Career Pathways is free and is available to all ODU graduate students and post-doctoral scholars.

Career Pathways offers two Certificates:

- Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Certificate – designed for graduate students interested in an academic career. [More info](#).
- Preparing Future Professionals (PFP) Certificate – designed for graduate students interested in a non-academic career such as in industry, non-profit/non-governmental organizations, or government agencies. [More info](#).

Watch a [short overview video](#) about Career Pathways.

Career pathways events and related programming

- [Networking Basics for Graduate Students workshop](#) addresses how to network effectively and allows you to develop and practice your networking pitch. November 15th from noon-1pm in Learning Commons LC1310-1311. [Registration](#) required.
- Navigating the Job Search & Leveraging Handshake as a Graduate Student. This workshop, co-sponsored with Career Development Services, provides an overview of [Handshake](#), an online platforms that can assist you with your career exploration and job search. November 17th from 11am-noon in the Virginia Beach Room and via [Zoom](#).
- [GRAD700: Professional Development](#) is offered in Summer 2023. Sign up for this 1-credit hour asynchronous online course if you are interested in preparing for an academic career or want to spend some time preparing your academic job application packet.
- Keep an eye out for an email inviting you to participate in survey on graduate students' career and professional development needs. Make sure your voice is heard!

Resources

- Missed out on the Introduction to the CV Workshop hosted in October? Watch the [event recording](#) and access [resources](#) online. Learn about why you need a CV, create your CV using the workshop template, and develop a plan for how to fill in gaps in your CV.
- Starting to develop your ePortfolio? Need help with your ePortfolio for completing the PFF and/or PFP Certificate? Want to learn more about how an ePortfolio can help showcase your academic and professional work? These videos in the [ePortfolio and Digital Identity playlist](#) on the ODU Career Pathways YouTube channel can help.
- The ODU Writing Center provides free individual tutorials to graduate students. Writing Center tutors are not editors or proofreaders, but they can provide coaching on writing aspects such as proofreading your work, getting writing projects started, and developing a strong writing process. Appointments are available in the Writing Center (1208 Perry Library) and online (for distance students). [More info](#).
- The [ODU Career Pathways events repository](#) has videos of more than 40 professional development events. Login using your MIDAS ID.
- The [ODU Career Pathways YouTube channel](#) offers playlists including Grant Writing, Teaching, Research, Strategies for Success, Work-life Balance, Career Planning, and many others.

Career exploration

- Thinking about careers in the public sector? These recorded career exploration events include nonprofit leaders (watch [panel discussion](#)), local government leaders (watch [panel discussion](#)), and representative of federal agencies (watch [panel discussion](#)).

Take one professional or career development step today!

Don't wait. There are simple and easy activities you can take today to be one step closer to career and professional readiness.

- Improve your research skills. Watch this [video](#) for some advice from faculty and researchers on becoming a skilled researcher.
- Interested in an academic career? Review [Certificate](#) requirements.
- Interested in careers in business, governments, nonprofits, or others? Review the [Certificate](#) requirements.
- Sign up to receive Career Pathways emails – Keep up-to-date with Career Pathways events and happenings. [Sign up](#) for the e-mail list.

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