



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.

Congratulations!

The following students and post-doctoral scholars successfully completed the Preparing Future Faculty Certificate.

- Norah Alshayhan
- Lee Golembiewski
- Saige Hill
- Taiwo Lasisi
- Min Jung Lee
- Tihara Sommers

Survey of Career and Professional Development Needs

- All graduate students received an email inviting to participate in a survey of graduate students' career and professional development needs. This survey is intended to better understand graduate student needs and inform and improve support for graduate students. Make sure your voice is heard! Complete the [survey](#).

Career Pathways Events and Related Programming

- [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.

Resources

- Gearing up to teach a course or be a teaching assistant in the Spring 2023 semester? Check out [teaching-related videos](#) available on the Career Pathways YouTube channel.
- 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, and Career Planning.
- 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.

Career Exploration

- Have you considered how your graduate degree can be useful in pursuing entrepreneurial opportunities? In this [video](#) panelists discuss their career paths as entrepreneurs and how they leveraged their graduate education in innovative and entrepreneurial ways.

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.

- Develop your individual development plan (IDP). Learn about the IDP ([video](#)) and use this [worksheet and other resources](#) to get started.
- Conduct an informational interview with a professional whose job or career you aspire to. Learn more about the basics of informational interviewing in this [video](#).
- Interested in an academic career? Review [PFF Certificate](#) requirements.
- Interested in careers in business, governments, nonprofits, or others? Review the [PFP 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.

Contact Wie!

Have suggestions or questions? [E-mail Dr. Wie Yusuf](#), Director, Career Pathways Program. [Sign up](#) to receive Career Pathways emails.

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