



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

- [Donuts and Development](#) offers a drop-in opportunity to meet with Dr. Wie Yusuf and learn about Career Pathways and how it can help you. January 18<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am in the Webb Center by Starbucks.
- [Career Exploration: Research Administration](#) offers insights for pursuing careers in research administration such as research development, project management, and others. February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-2pm in the Graduate School Multipurpose Room (Monarch Hall 2100) and via [Zoom](#).
- **Spring Career and Internship Fair** is on March 14<sup>th</sup> ([in-person](#)) and March 16<sup>th</sup> ([virtual](#)).
- Learn about the ePortfolio. Develop your ePortfolio. **ePortfolio for Graduate Students** workshop. February 8<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm via [Zoom](#) and March 16<sup>th</sup> from 12.30-1.30pm in the Graduate School Multipurpose Room (Monarch Hall 2100) and via [Zoom](#).
- Workshop by Beyond the Professoriate on [How to Conduct a Successful Job Search \(and Mistakes to Avoid\)](#). March 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-1.30pm via Zoom. Registration required (info TBA)
- Get ahead in the academic job market in this workshop that provides [Advice from the Search Committee](#). April 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm in Learning Commons LC 1310-1311 and via [Zoom](#).

## 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](#).

## Resources

- Done with coursework? Struggling to stay on task with your thesis or dissertation research? In these videos (from a [2018 event](#) and [2013 event](#)) ODU faculty offer some tips and strategies for making it through the homestretch.
- 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.

## Career Exploration

- Explore how your graduate degree opens doors for careers in [local government](#), [federal agencies](#), [entrepreneurship](#), [nonprofit organizations](#), and [others](#).
- Dr. Jon Tam discusses career paths in gaming in this [recorded webinar](#) by VersatilePhD.

## 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.
- Have a CV? Want to get feedback on your CV? [Submit your CV](#) to receive feedback from a faculty member.
- Want to get feedback on your resume? Request a review and feedback from a [career coach](#) assigned to your College.
- Interested in an academic career? Review [PFF Certificate](#) requirements.
- Interested in careers in business, governments, nonprofits, or others? Review the [PFF 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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