



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

- Learn about the ePortfolio. Develop your ePortfolio. **ePortfolio for Graduate Students** workshop. February 8th from 12-1pm via [Zoom](#) and March 16th from 12.30-1.30pm in the Graduate School Multipurpose Room (Monarch Hall 2100) and via [Zoom](#).
- Spring Career and Internship Fair is on March 14th ([in-person](#)) and March 16th ([virtual](#)).
- Workshop by Beyond the Professoriate on [How to Conduct a Successful Job Search \(and Mistakes to Avoid\)](#). March 28th 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 6th from 12-2pm in Learning Commons LC 1310-1311 and via [Zoom](#).
- Making an Impact Beyond the Academy: A Workshop on Public Engagement and Today's Scholar. More information coming soon!
- [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

- Need advice on finding the right mentor? These [Mentoring Guides for Students](#), developed by the University of Washington Graduate School can help.
- Starting your career and professional development planning for the PFP Certificate? Need to get started with your Individual Development Plan (IDP)? These [resources](#) provide an overview of the IDP, a 'Getting Started' guide, and short overview video.
- The [Job Search the Smart Way podcast](#) by Dr. Maren Wood is offers tips and strategies for the non-academic job search.
- 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

- Want to learn more about how your various skills might be useful for a career in research administration? How you can leverage your graduate education in research development, project management, and research supervision, among others? Watch the recording of the [Career Exploration: Research Administration](#) workshop.
- Here are some career exploration videos from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Columbia University: [Conversations in Environmental Policy and Conservation](#); [Conversations in Machine Learning and Statistics](#), and [Career Exploration for Humanities and Social Science PhDs](#).
- Explore the post-doctoral option and if it might be a fit for you. A post-doc is a professional position in research, teaching, or administration undertaken after the completion of doctoral studies. The goal of a postdoctoral position is to pursue additional research, teaching, or other training skills to pursue a career in academia, research, or other fields. [Watch video](#).

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.

- Conduct an [informational interview](#) with someone whose career you aspire to or whose job or career you'd like to learn more about.
- Create or update your [LinkedIn profile](#).
- 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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