



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 how Career Pathways can help you.

Career Pathways Events and Related Programming

- [CV Workshop](#) on Feb 22 from noon-1pm via [Zoom](#). Learn about why you need a CV, create your CV, and develop a plan for using your CV.
- [Resume Workshop](#) on Feb 26 from noon-1pm in the Graduate School Multipurpose Room (Monarch Hall Rm 2100) and via [Zoom](#). This workshop is intended to help graduate students incorporate their graduate education and experience into their resume.
- The [Spring Career and Internship Fair](#) organized by Career Development Services is on Mar 19 ([in-person](#)) and March 21 ([virtual](#)).
- [Pop-up Teaching Series: Increasing Student Engagement with Learning Teams](#) offered by the Center for Faculty Development on Mar 19 from 12.30-1.15pm via Zoom. [Register.](#)
- [Teaching for the First Time: A Workshop for Future Faculty](#) on Mar 15 from noon-2.00pm in the Graduate School Multipurpose Room (Monarch Hall Rm 2100) and via [Zoom](#)
- [Career Exploration: Faculty Careers Outside the Tenure Track](#) on Apr 8 from noon-1pm in the Graduate School Multipurpose Room (Monarch Hall Rm 2100) and via [Zoom](#)

Resources

- Need a research data management plan for your thesis, dissertation, or other research? Want to learn about research data management planning? This [video](#) by ODU Libraries staff provides an overview and walks you through developing your own Research Data Management Plan.
- Starting to work on your ePortfolio for the Preparing Future Faculty or Preparing Future Professionals Certificate? Want to create your own digital showcase? Watch the [recording](#) of this ePortfolio Workshop that was originally held on February 15, 2024, or download the [slide deck](#). Other ePortfolio videos are available in this [YouTube playlist](#).
- Do you have a mentor to help you navigate graduate school and your career journey? Do you know that having more than one mentor can be helpful? This [video](#) discusses the benefits of having multiple mentors during graduate school to help you with different facets of work and life as a graduate student.
- Learn how you can build your own personal brand to stand out in a crowded job market. This [video](#) from the University of Wisconsin – Madison Graduate School can help.
- The [ODU Career Pathways YouTube channel](#) offers playlists including Grant Writing, Teaching, Research, Strategies for Success, Work-life Balance, and Career Planning.

Career Exploration

- This [video](#) from the NIH Office of Intramural Training and Education explores careers in data science. A panel of experts speak about the educational background and training as well as skills necessary for career success.
- Interested in a career in educational technology? Want to use your research and teaching experience outside the academy? Hear from Dr. Christina Squitieri on her pathway from a PhD in English to a non-academic career in EdTech in this [video](#) from VersatilePhD.
- Explore non-academic research careers in criminal justice, policy, and management through this [video](#) from the Penn state Criminal Justice Research Center and Department of Sociology and Criminology.
- Check out the [Career Exploration playlist](#) on the Career Pathways YouTube channel.

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.

- Attend the CV or resume workshop in February.
- Learn about academic or professional organizations in your field.
- Watch this [video](#) to learn about how Career Pathways can help you.
- [Sign up](#) to receive Career Pathways emails.

Contact Wie!

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

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Professional development to bridge graduate school and career success