



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 this [video](#) about how Career Pathways can help graduate students.

From the Director

I'm excited to kick off the new academic year and welcome you to Career Pathways. I encourage you to review the Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) and Preparing Future Professionals (PFP) Certificates and take advantage of the career and professional development opportunities. We recently updated the Preparing Future Faculty and Preparing Future Professionals Certificates requirements to introduce more flexibility for graduate students to complete the certificates. Career Pathways programming is underway and more event information will be announced soon. We are continuing the Tool Series that will be shared on the [Career Pathways YouTube channel](#) and introducing a new [Teaching Fair Series](#) featuring ODU faculty sharing their teaching tips. I'm hosting two drop-in Q&A sessions via Zoom this month (see events below). If you have questions about Career Pathways or want to learn more, take a few minutes and come chat.

Career Pathways Events and Related Programming

- **Career Pathways Q&A session.** Drop in on Sep 2 any time between 12-1.30pm [Zoom](#).
- **Crafting Your Story** on Sep 16 from 12.30-1.30pm via [Zoom](#).
- Leadership Lecture Series: **AI & Ethical Leadership** on Sep 17 from 12-1pm via Zoom. [RSVP](#).
- **Basics of Scholarly Publishing** on Oct 1 from 12-1pm via Zoom. [RSVP](#).
- CCLD Workshop Series: **Building Your Professional Brand** on Oct 2 from 12-1.30pm in the Newport News Room, Webb Center. [RSVP](#).

- **Getting Started with your Individual Development Plan** on Oct 6 from 12-1pm via [Zoom](#).
- **Creating Your CV and Using it as a Planning Tool** on Oct 17 from 11am-12pm – [Zoom](#)
- **Basics of Open Access** on Oct 20 from 12-1pm via Zoom. [RSVP](#).
- **What Open Access Means for Your Data** on Oct 22 from 12-1pm via Zoom. [RSVP](#).
- **Fall Career and Internship Fair** on Oct 30 from 11am-3pm in Chartway Arena. [RSVP](#).

Resources

- ODU is an institutional member of the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD), a career and professional development organization supporting faculty, postdocs, and graduate students. You can create a free NCFDD account and access resources such as webinars, Dissertation Success Training Modules, writing challenges, and courses on topics such as navigating the academic job market. Go to ncfdd.org/join, select ODU as the institution, click 'Activate My Membership,' register using your ODU email address, and activate your account via the confirmation email.
- New to graduate school? Check out the NCFDD [webinar](#) on 'Setting the Stage for Success: Preparing for your academic career from Day 1 of graduate school.'
- Want to get a head start with research? In this [video](#) researchers address key research skills, provide strategies and advice, and discuss resources to support your research.
- 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.

Career Exploration

- Explore career paths in the transportation field. In this [video](#), panelists discuss opportunities in planning, policy, teaching, and research, and related to roads, highways, transit, and aviation.
- Explore career options in machine learning and statistics in this [video](#) from the Columbia University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences.
- 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.
- Want to learn about opportunities in industry? In this [video](#) from VersatilePhD, recruiter Dr. Anne Meyer-Mineris shares her experience and offers advice.

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.

- Learn about internship resources available through the Monarch Internship and Co-Op Office. Watch this [video](#) or check out the [website](#).
- Get feedback on your resume. Request a review and feedback via [email](#) from a career coach.

Contact Wie!

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