



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 hope your semester is off to a great start! I look forward to seeing you at upcoming Career Pathways events. All events are live via Zoom. If you can't make it to these events, make sure to check out the [Career Pathways YouTube channel](#) and the various playlists and resources available.

### Career Pathways Events and Related Programming

- **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](#).
- **Leveraging AI in Research: Balancing Innovation with Integrity** on Oct 23 from 10-11am via Zoom. [Info](#)
- **Telling Your Story through an ePortfolio** on Nov 6 from 12:30-1:30pm via [Zoom](#)
- Workshop on **Career Exploration in Data Science** on Nov 20 from 12-1pm via [Zoom](#)
- Prep for the Fall Career and Internship Fair through **Resume Refresh sessions** on Oct 28 and 29. [Info](#).
- **Fall Career and Internship Fair** on Oct 30 from 11am-3pm in Chartway Arena. [RSVP](#).

(Note: All times listed are Eastern)

## 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](https://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.
- Want to get a head start on managing and curating your digital identity but missed out on the 'Crafting Your Story' workshop? Watch the [video](#) and download the [workshop materials](#).
- The ODU Writing Center provides free tutoring for graduate students. Writing Center tutors are not editors or proofreaders, but they can provide coaching on writing aspects such as proofreading your work, getting writing projects started, and developing a strong writing process. Appointments are available in the Writing Center (1208 Perry Library), online, and through video feedback. [More info](#).
- Preparing for the academic job market? Check out Career Pathways [resources](#) for the academic job market.

## Career Exploration

- Thinking about careers in the public sector? These recorded career exploration events include nonprofit leaders (watch [panel discussion](#)), local government leaders (watch [panel discussion](#)), and representatives of federal agencies (watch [panel discussion](#)).
- This panel on [Career Exploration: Research Administration](#) offers insights for pursuing careers in research administration such as research development, project management, and others.
- How can you use your academic training to launch or grow a new venture? What are your competitive advantages? Hear from Dr. Deep Sran about his experience in this [video](#).
- Career exploration for STEM PhD students. This [video](#) introduces self-assessment, career planning tips, and job search tools to help you research and explore a range of career paths.
- Explore your career interests by conducting an informational interview with a professional whose career you aspire to. Learn about the basics of informational interviewing in this [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.

- Review the Career Pathways schedule of events and identify events to attend.
- Download and review requirements for the [PFF Certificate](#) and/or the [PFP Certificate](#) based on your career interests.
- Ask a faculty mentor to review your CV.

### Contact Wie!

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