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The Graduate School



## November 2021

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 Programming

- Career Exploration: Careers in the Federal Government - February 22, 2022 (12.30-2.00pm).
- Career Exploration: Conversations with Alumni - March 25, 2022 (10.00am-12.00pm).
- Other Career Pathways events for Spring 2022 are under development. Keep an eye out for announcements about future events.
- [GRAD700: Professional Development](#) is offered in Summer 2022. 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.
- 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, Career Planning, and many others.

## Resources

- Starting to develop your ePortfolio? Need help with your ePortfolio for completing the PFF and/or PFP Certificate? Want to learn more about how an ePortfolio can help showcase your academic and professional work? These videos in the [ePortfolio and Digital Identity playlist](#) on the ODU Career Pathways YouTube channel 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.
- Preparing for the academic job market? These [resources](#) provide an overview of the academic job search process, how to prepare for the academic job market, and advice from ODU faculty.

## Career Exploration

- 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.](#)
- Careers in local government? Have you wondered how you might leverage skills and knowledge developed while in graduate school to pursue a successful career in local government? Have you ever wondered how your graduate degree might be relevant in local government? In these [videos](#) local government professionals discuss their career experiences and offer advice for career success.

## Take one professional or career development step today!

Don't wait. There are simple and easy activities you can undertake today to be one step closer to career and professional readiness.

- Interested in an academic career? Review the requirements for the [PFF Certificate](#).
- Interested in careers in business, governments, nonprofits, or others? Review the requirements for the [PFP Certificate](#).
- Sign up to receive Career Pathways emails – Keep up-to-date with Career Pathways events and happenings. [Sign up.](#)
- OrCiD is a registry of unique identifiers for researchers and scholars that provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from other researchers. If you're pursuing an academic career, create your ORCID iD today. [More info.](#)

### Contact Wie!

Have suggestions or questions? [E-mail](#) Dr. Wie Yusuf, Director of Career Pathways. [Sign up](#) to receive Career Pathways emails.

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