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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 Programming

- [Career Exploration Roundtable: Careers in Federal Agencies](#) (Feb 22, 12.30-2.00pm EST, virtual). [Registration required.](#)
- Career Exploration Roundtable: Insights from ODU Alumni (Mar 25, 10.00-12.00pm EST, virtual). [Registration required.](#)
- [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.

Other events

- [Spring 2022 In-person Career Fair](#) (March 22) and [Spring 2022 Virtual Career Fair](#) (March 25) hosted by the ODU Career Development Services. Keep an eye out for a list of employers interested in recruiting graduate students.

Resources

- Need help with your ePortfolio for completing the PFF and/or PFP Certificate? You can [schedule one-on-one appointments](#) with an ePortfolio Graduate Assistant. Or checkout these videos in the [ePortfolio and Digital Identity playlist](#).
- Become a skilled researcher. Whether you're a first year masters student or seasoned doctoral student, get the tips and advice to kick your research skills into high gear. In this [video](#) a panel of ODU and NSU researchers address key research skills, provide strategies and advice for building research skills, and discuss resources available to build your research skills and support your research.
- 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 several playlists including Grant writing, Teaching, Research, Strategies for Success, Work-life Balance, Career Planning, and many others.

Career Exploration

- Career reflections from the field - Explore different ways that ODU alumni have utilized their graduate degrees to pursue different career pathways. Panelists in this [video](#) share their experiences and perspectives about a range of career options, and discuss factors to consider in deciding on a career path.
- 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.

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.

- Start off the new year with a focus on work-life balance. Learn why work-life balance is important and get some strategies. Videos on this [Work-life Balance YouTube playlist](#) can help.
- Interested in an academic career? Review the requirements for the [Preparing Future Faculty Certificate](#).
- Interested in careers in business, governments, nonprofits, or others? Review the requirements for the [Preparing Future Professionals Certificate](#).
- 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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