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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 EDT, virtual). [Registration required.](#)
- **Transferable Skills: From Inventorying to Communicating Your Skills and Expertise** (Mar 14, 12.00-1.00pm EDT, virtual). [Registration required.](#)
- **Publishing Academy.** Two-part workshop focusing on the submission, review, acceptance, and scholarly communication of your research. Part I: Author and Journal Editors Perspective (Apr 7 12.15-1.15pm EDT, [virtual](#)) and Part II: Article Acceptance and Beyond (Apr 19 EDT, 12.15-1.15pm EDT [virtual](#)).
- **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.

Resources

- The University Libraries offers resources to support your research and teaching. These [Library Guides](#) cover a variety of topics including open access resources, copyright and author rights, data management, predatory publishers, and research impact.
- Do you know that there are grants or fellowships for graduate students to support academic coursework and/or research? Do you know that some disciplines expect faculty to seek grants to support their research? Learn more about the nuts and bolts of grant writing. This [video](#) provides a brief overview of the grant application process, the request for proposals, how to decide if the grant is a good fit for you, and elements of a grant proposal. Other grant writing videos are available via the [ODU Career Pathways YouTube channel](#).

Career Exploration

- Have you considered how your graduate degree can be useful in pursuing entrepreneurial opportunities? In this [video](#) panelists discuss their career paths as entrepreneurs and how they leveraged their graduate education in innovative and entrepreneurial ways.
- Want to explore more career opportunities? Attend the [Career Exploration Roundtable: Careers in Federal Agencies](#) (Feb 22, 12.30-2.00pm EST, [register](#)) and the [Career Exploration Roundtable: Insights from ODU Alumni](#) (Mar 25, 10.00-12.00pm EST, [register](#)).

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.

- Conduct an informational interview with a professional whose job or career you aspire to. Learn more about the basics of informational interviewing in this [video](#).
- Interested in an academic career? Review [Certificate](#) requirements.
- Interested in careers in business, governments, nonprofits, or others? Review the [Certificate](#) requirements.
- Sign up to receive Career Pathways emails – Keep up-to-date with Career Pathways events and happenings. [Sign up](#) for the e-mail list.
- Create a Developmental CV and start your long-term planning. For many doctoral students, the developmental CV can serve as a starting point for your long-term plan by helping you focus on short-term goals, plan for medium-term goals, and develop stepping stones for longer-term goals. Learn more [here](#).

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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