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The Graduate School



## March 2022

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 Other Programming

**Publishing Academy.** Two-part workshop focusing on the submission, review, acceptance, and scholarly communication of your research.

- Part 1: Author and Journal Editors Perspective (Apr 7 12.15-1.15pm EDT, [virtual](#)).
- Part 2: Article Acceptance and Beyond (Apr 19 EDT, 12.15-1.15pm EDT [virtual](#)).

**GRAD700: Professional Development** is offered in Summer 2022. This 1-credit hour asynchronous online course helps you prepare for an academic career.

**Science Pubs: Graduate Student Lightning Talks** (Apr 7, 2022 EDT, 7pm at Smartmouth Brewing Co., Norfolk). [RSVP](#) by Apr 6<sup>th</sup>.

**The #1 Mistake PhDs Make in their Job Search** (Apr 8, 2022, 12pm EST). Free webinar by beyond the professoriate. [Registration required.](#)

**2022 Faculty Summer Conference** (May 17, 2022 via Zoom). Free conference by ODU's Center for Learning and Teaching. This is an opportunity to share experiences and learn about using technology to improve teaching and learning.

## Resources

- Need advice on finding the right mentor? These [Mentoring Guides for Students](#), developed by the University of Washington Graduate School can help.
- 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.
- Struggling to write your thesis or dissertation? Need to get unstuck? This [video](#) offers some advice on becoming more productive. Join a [Graduate Student Write-In](#) on Saturdays via Zoom.
- Check out [books and electronic resources](#) available through the University Libraries.

## 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.
- Missed out on the [Career Exploration Roundtable: Careers in Federal Agencies](#) workshop held on February 22, 2022? Watch the [video](#).
- Attend this free webinar on 'What Can I Do with my PhD?' with Dr. L. Maren Wood, Director of the Center for Graduate Career Success (offered by beyond the professoriate). June 10, 2022. More [info](#).

## 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.

- 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.
- 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](#).
- Create or update your [LinkedIn profile](#).

### 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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