3MT is an academic competition that challenges graduate students to describe their research within three minutes. 3MT celebrates the discoveries made by students and encourages them to communicate the importance of their research to the broader community. 3MT originated in Queensland, Australia and has spread to graduate programs throughout the world.

ODU’s Inaugural 3MT event will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. in the Engineering & Computational Sciences Building’s “CAVE.” A reception begins at 5:00 P.M. with the competition beginning at 5:45 P.M. A judging panel will select the 1st and 2nd place winners; the audience will select a People’s Choice winner. Up to $1,000 in prize money will be distributed.

ODU’s 1st place winner will represent the University at a statewide exhibition in November and at the Southern Council of Graduate Schools’ conference in February. We are excited for this event and for its participants!
EndNote Workshop September 12, 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
September 22, 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
(Perry Library, Rm 1306) ** Email nschafer@odu.edu to register**

Preparing Future Professionals (PFP) Certificate Q&A Session  
October 5, 12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.  
(Learning Commons 1310) PIZZA and drinks served at 12:00 P.M.

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October 17, 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
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Creating Dynamic Presentations: Strategies, Tools, and Techniques  
October 18, 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
(Gornto 101)  
** Register via CLT, http://clt.odu.edu/facdev/ **

PFF Workshop: Teaching Advice from the Trenches  
October 20, 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. P.M.  
(Learning Commons 1310 - 1311 or via WebEx: http://bit.ly/PFF_WebEx)

Working Wednesday: Acing the Interview  
October 25, 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
(Career Commons, 2202 Webb) ** Register via Career4Monarch, https://www.odu.edu/cds/careers4monarchs **

ICPSR Workshop October 26, 12:20 P.M.- 1:20 P.M.  
(Perry Library, Rm 1306) ** Email jrhoades@odu.edu to register**

Learn about the NEW Career Pathways Program!  
https://sites.wp.odu.edu/careerpathways/

Preparing Future Professionals (PFP) program:  
https://sites.wp.odu.edu/pfp/

Want more info and a current calendar?  
Go to: https://sites.wp.odu.edu/gs101

Contact: Dr. Wie Yusuf (jyusuf@odu.edu)

Use the QR Code below:

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** Additional Events Advertised by the Office of Research **

Science Pub  
Toast  
2406 Colonial Ave. Norfolk  
September 6, 2017 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Science Pub  
Grant Forward Training Workshop  
October 24, 2017 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
University Testing Center - 1105 Student Success Center  

Science Pub  
Smartmouth Brewing Co.  
1309 Raleigh Ave, Norfolk, VA 23507  
October 26 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Science Pub  
Commonwealth Brewing Company - Virginia Beach  
2444 Pleasure House Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
November 15 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Graduate Colloquium

The doctoral program in International Studies has invited Jamila Glover, to speak on “A Dirty Dilemma: Determinants of Electronic Waste Importation.” The talk will be held from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 14, in BAL 9024. The department will hold an informal reception before the talk at 2:30 P.M.

Upcoming Presentations From The Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education Darden College of Education

Graduate students in the Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education (CDSE) in the Darden College of Education are presenting their research at several professional meetings in Fall 2017.

In October, at the 39th International Conference on Learning Disabilities in Baltimore, Maryland, Mindy Gumpert will present on a discussion panel titled “Students with Learning Disabilities and Writing: A Challenging Combination” and on a joint poster titled “Writing Interventions for Learning Disabilities: An Appraisal of Systematic Reviews” with her fellow students Jane Roitsch and Alisha Springle, along with their CDSE faculty mentors.

In November, at the meeting of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in Los Angeles, California, Jane Roitsch, Alisha Springle, and Mindy Gumpert along with CDSE faculty mentors will present a joint poster titled “Executive Function and Writing Disability: A review of Systematic Reviews & Meta-Analyses.” Lauren Wynant, with faculty mentor Anne Michalek, will present a poster titled “Small Pieces, Bigger Picture: An Update on Evidence-Based Language Interventions for Preschoolers with Hearing Impairment.”

Past Awards and Presentations

Johnathon Upperman was awarded the VSGC Scholarship and the SMART Scholarship, which promote national interests and strengths in space and defense technological innovations.

Mark Ledbetter received the Phil Wohl Award last April, which goes out to outstanding students in Mathematics and Statistics.


Last month, Joedian Morris, a PhD student in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department, within Dr. Guijun Wang’s group, received the Fall 2017 Virginia Tech Graduate Student Symposium, Graduate Student Travel Award for the American Chemical Society National Meeting in Washington, DC.

Lisa Phalen, a PhD student in Special Education, recently presented her research at the Thompson Center Autism Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Her presentation was titled “The Educational Effects of Sensory Processing Deficits in Autism Spectrum Disorder.”

New Student Spotlight

Out Of State Student: Colleen Miller, of Batten Arts and Letters, History

Please give a warm welcome to one of our newest, shining students, Colleen Miller. She came from Rhode Island, winning the prestigious James Madison Memorial Fellowship, designed for scholarship of American History and the Constitution, by those interested in teaching history. She is currently pursuing her MA in History in the Batten College of Arts and Letters and will take a variety of courses with our faculty members, exploring constitutional issues from a variety of historical viewpoints. Information on the Fellowship is here http://www.jamesmadison.gov/ for those interested in applying for future awards.
Grants (Make sure to Periodically check Grants.gov for Funding Sources)

As a student or faculty, funding may not always be easy, but thankfully, there are several sources that can be utilized. One of which is Grants.gov wherein grants are listed en masse for you to peruse. Seek out your graduate program director for assistance in applying. Some grants of notice are listed below.

PA-16-162  
NIH Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03)  
HHS-NIH11  
March 31, 2016 - May 7, 2019

The NIH Small Research Grant Program supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This program supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology.

Award Ceiling: $50,000  
Award Floor: $N/A

PAS-TOKYO-FY2017-0001  
Small Grants Program  
DOS  
November 7, 2016 - September 30, 2017

The U.S. Embassy Tokyo Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce that funding is available through its Public Diplomacy Small Grants Program. This annual notice of funding opportunities outlines the funding priorities and areas of interest, as well as procedures for submitting requests for funding. Please note that this notice supplements specific notices of funding opportunities that may be posted both here and on other relevant sites throughout the year. Any organization interested in applying for funding should carefully follow all instructions.

Award Ceiling: $100,000  
Award Floor: $1,000

AL-17-001  
Language and Culture Education for Underprivileged Groups  
DOS-ALB  
August 10, 2017 - September 11, 2017

The Public Affairs Office of the US Embassy in Tirana, Albania, pending availability of funds, not to exceed $30,000 USD, announces a notification of funding opportunity (NOFO) to support a one year English language course for underprivileged groups in Albania with the goal to help economically disadvantaged students develop a foundation of English language, leadership and advocacy skills, and knowledge of U.S. culture and values. The program should be planned to take place during October 2017 – September 2018. The grantee will take responsibility for selecting instructors, participants, identifying venues, and preparing a full curriculum, in cooperation with the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy in Tirana.

Award Ceiling: $30,000  
Award Floor: $25,000

Corner Updates

Do you stand within the top 15% of your class? If so, there’s a place for you within the Golden Key International Honor Society. Join more than 2 million undergraduates, graduates, and alumni across the world. Membership grants access to service events, networking, exclusive study and travel opportunities abroad, scholarships, and more. Find out if you qualify at: https://www.joingoldenkey.org/find-out-if-i-qualify.

Free on Constitution Day (Thursday, September 21st) and in the mood for an enriching talk? If so, consider a lecture presented by Dr. John Corvino, a professor of Philosophy at Wayne State University, in Batten Arts and Letters 1012. The event is hosted by ODU’s Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs, in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. The title of Dr. Corvino’s talk is “Let Them Eat Cake: Same-Sex Weddings and the First Amendment.” Expect a lively lecture and discussion afterward.

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Various Fellowships -- Apply Early and Search with Vigilance

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Fellowship Program
Source: The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Details and form: https://vmfa.museum/programs/college/visual-arts-fellowships/
Groups targeted: Arts and Letters and Sciences
Amount: $6,000
Deadline: November 3, 2017

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Graduate Student Measurement Science and Engineering (GMSE) Fellowship Program
Source: The National Physical Science Consortium
Details and form: https://npsc.onlineapplications.net/applications/
Groups Targeted: Engineering, Health Sciences, and Sciences
Amount: $20,000
Deadline: November 30, 2017 (Online Application) / December 8, 2017 (In-progress Applications)

Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program
Source: US Navy
Details: https://nreip.asee.org/details
Form: https://nreip.asee.org/apply
Groups targeted: Variable Based On Lab
Amount: $10,800
Deadline: October 31, 2017

Alfa Fellowship Program
Source: Alfa Fellowship Program
Details: http://www.alfafellowship.org/
Groups targeted: Strome, Arts and Letters, Education
Amount: TBA - Stipend + Housing (International)
Deadline: December 1, 2017

The Enid A. Haupt Fellowship In Horticulture
Source: The Smithsonian Gardens
Details: http://gardens.si.edu/get-involved/enid-haupt-fellowship.html
Groups targeted: Arts and Letters, Sciences, Health Sciences, and Engineering
Amount: $26,000/yr or $13,000/6mo
Deadline: July 1, 2017

Link Foundation Energy Fellowship
Source: Link Foundation
Details: http://www.linkenergy.org/apply.html
Groups targeted: Sciences and Engineering
Amount: $29,000/year
Deadline: December 1, 2017 (Applications)/December 14 (References)

AICPA Fellowship for Minority Doctoral Students
Source: The American Institute of CPAs
Details: http://www.aicpa.org/Career/DiversityInitiatives/Pages/fmds.aspx
Groups targeted: Strome
Amount: $12,000
Deadline: academics@aicpa.org

Corner Updates

Planning to complete the FAFSA for the 2018-2019 school year? There are important changes to keep in mind. Early filing for the Free Application of Student Aid has been changed to October 1, 2017. Additionally, Old Dominion University has followed suit and modified their priority date. The new date is January 1, 2018 instead of February 15, 2018. Funding consideration is on a First-Come basis.

Considering teaching or research abroad as a good will ambassador for the United States? Click here for more information. On-Campus info sessions can be found here. The last session is Friday, September 15, 2017. Alternatively you can contact Sharon at oip@odu.edu or call 757-683-6128.

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This highly innovative meeting is meant to cover product development from start to finish with three concurrent programs on Cell & Tissue Banking, Contaminant Control, and the very best in Process Analysis & Automation for a wide-range of applications including vaccines, antibodies, recombinant proteins, viral vectors, and cellular therapies.

This meeting will share the techniques and best practices needed to establish stable and well-characterized cell banks; the latest technologies to prevent, identify, and clear contaminants; as well as the most up-to-date analytical technology, and how it can be used to automate various unit operations and integrated, continuous processes. It will also cover the best applications of single-use components and systems, along with the most powerful single-use sensors.

For more information and to register, please visit: isbiotech.org/5thfallmeeting.

Editor’s Note: Although this conference is bent toward science and engineering, all majors are welcome to volunteer, attend, and network. Relevant majors can present their work at both Fall and Spring Offerings.

If there are conferences that you would like to see promoted, email xpalmer@odu.edu

Summer Residencies To Augment Your Education

Summer and Annual residencies offer an invaluable experience. Below are interdisciplinary residencies to keep in mind. They can be a source of bonus credits towards independent studies, but make sure to plan well in advance and secure approval with your advisor and department. Your Graduate Program Director can help you prepare for these opportunities as their application windows open.

Residency: Graduate Scholarship Program
Source: US Central Intelligence Agency
Details: https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/graduate-scholarship-program.html
Schools of Interest: All
Deadline: April 1 - August 31
Contact: (703) 482-0623 / https://www.cia.gov/contact-cia

Residency: From the Laboratory to the Studio: Interdisciplinary Practices in Bio Art
Source: New York City School of Visual Arts
Details and form: http://bioart.sva.edu/category/courses/summer/
Schools of Interest: All
Deadline: April 15th (Priority Deadline)
Contact: Suzanne Anker biolab@sva.edu, (+1) 212-592-2510, http://bioart.sva.edu/contact/

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Howdy,

My name is Xavier-Lewis Palmer, and I am your new Graduate Administrative Assistant for Old Dominion University’s Graduate School. My history with Old Dominion University spans quite a while. Many years ago, as a kid, I accompanied my mother to some of her classes, giving me exposure and a fondness for this school early on. By the time I entered college, I had seen a lot from our wanderings, but as before, I remembered that there's only so much that you can see walking around. The deeper and more precious experiences are not found solely in the buildings and facilities. Rather they are found in the people and experiences that occur around and within them. As follows, it was not until I had broken out of my shell and got involved with this University's numerous clubs, classes, and activities that I began to grow in my excitement.

By the time I graduated (B.A. in Philosophy and B.S. in Biology with EET and BME minors), I had been able to take part in multiple clubs filled with individuals from a diverse group of majors, intellectuals, and cultures, such as APASU, Capoeira Para Todos, IEEE, The Video Game Design and Development Club, and more. Additionally, I had accumulated significant research experience within science and engineering. After a short break following graduation, and after some time seeking different job opportunities, I decided to attend Eastern Virginia Medical School, obtaining my Masters of Science in Biotechnology. After another short break, I returned to Old Dominion University, where I am now.

As you can see, I have experienced quite a bit during my educational career, but my education shows no sign of stopping as is the case for many of you who are reading this now. I am excited to continue the tradition of generating the warmth and excitement that ODU has given me, up close and from afar, and I am even more excited to serve you all in the graduate community. My number one aim is to keep everyone informed of interesting happenings within and around the Graduate School and its students, while providing unique and interesting perspectives of graduate life, research, and opportunities, wherever possible. While I will seek examples to showcase here, I encourage you to contact me if there is an event or opportunity that you want showcased -- no matter how esoteric, zany, or unconventional. Interdisciplinary showcasing is highly valued, too. Hailing from multiple schools, clubs, and backgrounds, I am your advocate for getting your voice heard. I wish you all the best in your studies, whether you are just beginning your graduate work or near the finish line. Let the Graduate School and me do our best to show the region why Old Dominion University is the force that it is!

Best,
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Chances are that you may find me at your event, if it is on campus or deals with The Graduate School. Feel free to say hello and give your thoughts. We at the Graduate School are interested in ways that we can improve your experience and productivity. Here, I sat in on a lecture by Dr. Porter for the Graduate Teaching Assistant Institute. Students that I spoke with had a blast. If you would like to give an interview for prior and future events, as well as serve on panels, let us know. Channels for improving programs are open to all students, graduate and undergraduate, as well as faculty.
Find GRADUATE NEWS online at: www.odu.edu/graduateschool.

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