

A MESSAGE FROM Division of Graduate Studies

Graduate Student Newsletter - October 18, 2024



Brad Wilkins, UO alumnus and director of the Oregon Performance Research Laboratory, and PhD student Mira Schoeberlein work to elevate human performance.

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Three Minutes Thesis (3MT)



3MT is an opportunity for all graduate students to present their academic work and scholarship. The catch? You only have three minutes, and a single slide, to convey your work to a non-specialist audience.

This upcoming event is great practice for concise public speaking and an opportunity to receive constructive feedback from esteemed guest faculty and industry partner judges. It's also an opportunity for networking early in the academic year, to represent your university at national and international 3MT competitions, and to win cash prizes!

[Register to present.](#)

Support: Research Support

The Division offers [research support on our website](#), including funding opportunities, research resources, and a highlight of recent graduate student publications.

Funding: The Science Coalition Fund It Forward Student Video Challenge

The Science Coalition is offering cash prizes through their [Fund It Forward Student Video Challenge](#). The deadline to submit is October 25. If you need resources (like a camera) or want advice on making an award-winning video, contact [Johnmartin Sherman-Lewis](#), director of communications for government and community relations.

Funding: Center for Asian and Pacific Studies (CAPS) Small Professional Grants for Graduate Students

CAPS is offering awards of up to \$500 to support professional development activities of UO graduate students studying Asia. The deadline for applications is October 30, 2024. [Learn more and apply](#).

Funding: College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Diversity and Inclusion Grants

CAS is accepting proposals from CAS faculty, staff, and students for their [Diversity and Inclusion Grants](#). Cross-unit and interdisciplinary collaborations in CAS are welcome. Priority review begins November 11, 2024.

Funding: Open GE Positions

October 22

[Graduate Student and Postdoc Industry Recruitment Event](#)

October 24

[Debunking "Academia vs. Industry" Myths: Be the Entrepreneur of Your Own Career](#)

October 25

[2024 Oregon Postdoc Symposium](#)

October 29

[The Future of Multiracial Democracy](#)

November 12

[Disabled and Neurodivergent Graduate Students Time Together](#)

November 14

[How to Manage Stress, Rejection, and the Haters in Your Midst](#)

November 15

[The Academic-Adjacent Job Search](#)

#gradflock Kudos



Eight of the 12 new NSF Graduate Research Fellows.

Congratulations to the 12 new National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellows at the UO! When combined with the other NSF Fellows still at the UO, we have a total of 42 graduate students who are currently part of this highly competitive and prestigious program. That is the highest number at the UO in 15 years! [Learn more about the prestigious award and the UO research fellows.](#)

Faculty Research Database



Conducting research with underrepresented groups in your discipline or internationally?

The Division of Graduate Studies has put together a one-of-a-kind database of faculty conducting research with underrepresented groups in the United States and international communities. You can use this list to find mentors, dissertation and thesis committee chairs, collaborators, and more.

[Download the list here.](#)

Policy Highlight

Preferred Name Policy

Any current or former student or employee may choose a preferred first name in addition to that person's legal name listed within the university's information systems. The person's preferred first name shall be used in university communications and reporting except where the use of the legal name is required for university purposes.

Learn [more about this policy](#) to stay informed.

[See the process for changing to your preferred first name.](#)

Alumna Spotlight



UO Alumna and PPPM Instructor [Elena Fracchia](#), MPA '11, BA '06 (honors college and sociology), recently published a new book, *[Great Boards Fundraise: A Quick Start Guide for Board Members to Learn the Art of Fundraising Without Ever Asking for Money](#)*. Fracchia describes the book as "a quick and easy guide for board members to have the basics of their role in fundraising."

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