

**Spring 2024**

Directors of Graduate Study &  
Graduate Partners Meeting

May 17, 2024



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# Staffing Updates

- **New Director of Admissions, Colin Johnston**
- **Director of Systems, Hannah Schneider-Lynch**
- Graduate Admissions Coordinator search open
- Events Coordinator position open



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# International Student Support

## Onboarding

- Portal information and guidance updated immediately on [DGS website](#)
- Slate [email drip campaign](#) for onboarding – all incoming Summer/Fall
  - View [Admissions Handbook](#) appendix for details on pace and content
- Welcome to Oregon calls – all incoming Summer/Fall
- Welcome to Oregon Q + A – 4 sessions in July and August

## Retention

- International GE Summer Bridge funding through [Graduate Assistance Fund](#) application window opens July 1; first come first served
- gradCONNECT International GE Time Together will begin offering training support for Intl GEs in the Fall



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# gradCONNECT

- **Purpose**

- Help students to form connections across programs with peers who experience similar interests or challenges; build relationships with community groups to expand safety nets and connections for students

- **Year at-a-glance**

- Hosted 20+ events and formed 8 partnerships to increase funding toward student services and events
- 300+ attendees this year from 40+ programs

- **Year upcoming**

- Continued focus on support gaps and increasing partnerships
- Funded participation opportunities for students



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# Graduate Research Forum

## Forum by the numbers:

### Panel presenters:

- 2 from COE (Prevention Science)
- 4 from SOJC (Communication & Media Studies)
- 6 from CAS (3 Anthropology, 1 English, 1 Human Physiology, 1 Sociology)

Total applicants: 30

### Poster presenters:

- 1 from LCB
- 3 from SOMD
- 4 from SOJC
- 8 from CAE
- 14 from COE
- 21 from CAS

Questions?

Update for 2025



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# gradCAREERS

- Integrated Initiative
  - “Enhancing Graduate Student Professional Development” with ARCH and SOJC – in progress
- Writing
  - “March 14-day Writing Challenge”
  - “How to Develop a Daily Writing Routine”
  - “April 14-Day Writing Challenge”
- Professional Development
  - “How to Align Your Time with Your Priorities”
  - “Strategies for Navigating Interpersonal Conflict” part 3 of series led by UO-OHSU-OSU-PSU partnership
  - “Leadership & Management Skills” part 4 of series led by UO-OHSU-OSU-PSU partnership
- Career Preparation
  - “How to Use Career Resources on Campus” targeted to international students
  - “The Academia-Adjacent Job Hunt for Grad Student” in collaboration with Career Center
  - “JSPS Fellowships” Info session on Japan-based funding for grad students and postdocs
  - “The Academia-Adjacent Job Hunt for Grad Student” in collaboration with Mark Quigley in ENG
  - “Pathways to U.S. Work Authorization” in collaboration with ISSS



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# gradCAREERS

[graduatestudies.uoregon.edu/professional-development](https://graduatestudies.uoregon.edu/professional-development)

- Calendar of Events
    - [graduatestudies.uoregon.edu/professional-development/workshops-events](https://graduatestudies.uoregon.edu/professional-development/workshops-events)
    - [Linkedin.com/company/university-of-oregon-division-of-graduate-studies](https://www.linkedin.com/company/university-of-oregon-division-of-graduate-studies)
  - Coming Up
    - “National Science Foundation-Graduate Research Fellowship Info Session” – Friday, May 24 from 12:30 PM
    - “Moving from Resistance to Writing” – Thursday, June 13, from 11:00 AM
  - This Fall
    - “Graduate Student Welcome Lunch & Resource Fair” – Tuesday, September 24, 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM, EMU Ballroom
- [graduatestudies.uoregon.edu/new-students-orientations/orientations](https://graduatestudies.uoregon.edu/new-students-orientations/orientations)



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# Scholarships

## **Professional Development Graduate Scholarship**

Firm deadline June 1. No late material, including recommendation letters, will be accepted after deadline.

- For professional development activities taking place between July 1 and December 31, 2024.
- Must be enrolled in Fall term 2024.
- The faculty advisor may be contacted for verification purposes in lieu of credit enrollment.
- The award is not meant to support:
  - The completion of a course assignment.
  - The advancement of a student's progress towards graduation.
  - The completion of a program/degree requirement.
  - Compensating research subjects for their time.
  - An internship or externship training program required to graduate, such as a terminal internship.

Details at [graduatestudies.uoregon.edu/funding/awards](https://graduatestudies.uoregon.edu/funding/awards)



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# Endowed Scholarship Selection Results

Student	Department	Amount	Award Name
W. Jamie Yang	Women's, Gndr, & Sexuality St	\$6,000.00	Sandra Morgen
Barrett Niblock	Global Studies	\$1,000.00	Margaret Wiese
Cameron Coronado	Landscape Arch, Comm & Regional Plan	\$5,000.00	David S. Easley
Ethan Torres	Environmental Studies	\$5,000.00	David S. Easley
Rhodalyn Tetteh	Environmental Studies	\$5,000.00	David S. Easley
Yeongseo Yu	Landscape Arch	\$5,000.00	David S. Easley
Bibo Lin	Comm & Media Studies	\$5,000.00	Betty Foster McCue
Motoki Sakurai	Anthropology	\$5,000.00	Betty Foster McCue
Yuda Rasyadian	Anthropology	\$2,000.00	SE Asian Studies
Nishat Parvez	Comm & Media Studies	\$10,000.00	McBride Lehrman
Sage Hatch	Critical/Socio-cultural St/Ed	\$1,000.00	Graduate Teaching Excellence
Dara Craig	Environmental Studies	\$2,000.00	Dissertation and Thesis
Samantha Queeno	Anthropology	\$2,000.00	Dissertation and Thesis
Preetham Sridharan	History	\$2,000.00	Dissertation and Thesis
Kellyn Blaisdell	Psychology	\$2,000.00	Dissertation and Thesis
Yei Won Lim	Comparative Lit	\$2,000.00	Dissertation and Thesis
Beatriz Mira	Comm & Media Studies	\$2,000.00	Dissertation and Thesis
Jenneca McCarter	Anthropology	\$2,000.00	Dissertation and Thesis



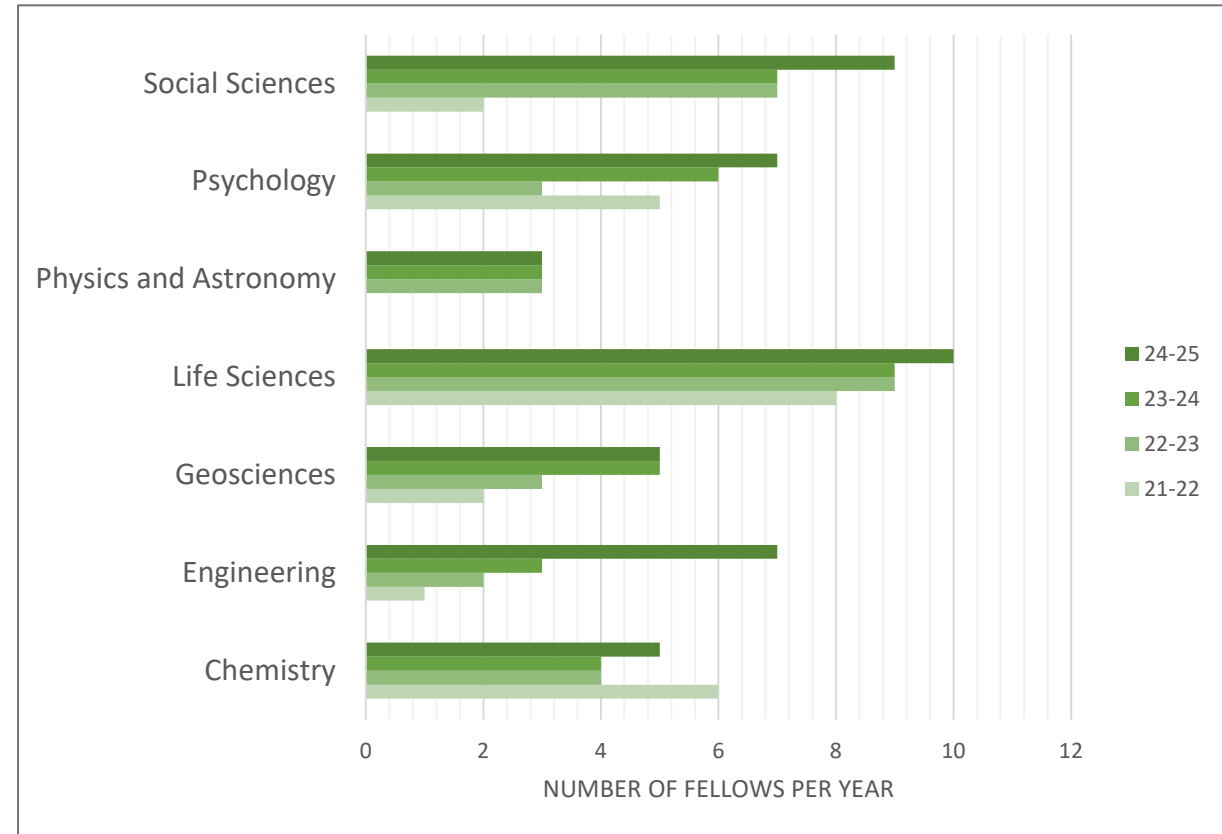
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# NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

For 2024-2025 Fellowship Year:

- Graduate funding from NSF GRFP is expected to **increase by 14% to \$1.59M.**
- Number of GRFP fellows at UO will **increase by 24% to 46 fellows.**
- The field of study showing the greatest increase is **Engineering.**

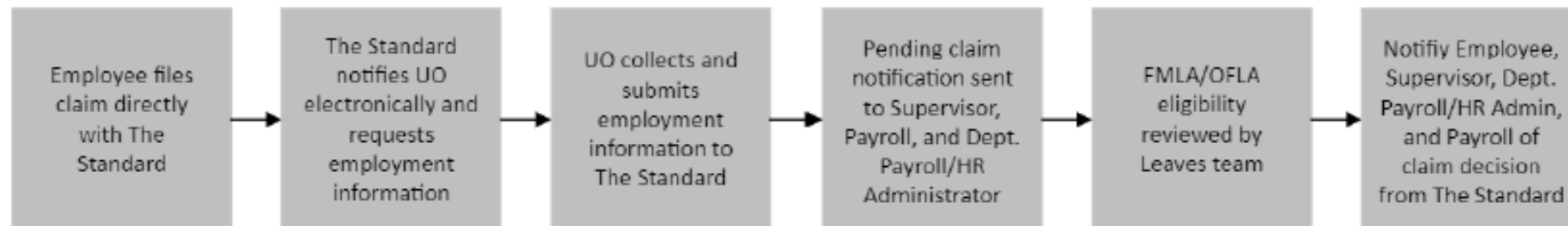


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# Oregon Paid Family and Medical Leave for GEs

## PFML Process



### If leave claim is **APPROVED**:

1. Employee's PFML benefit amount information is collected from *The Standard* when available.
2. HR will email eligible employees who opted for PFML top-off instructions on how to report their leave for accurate payroll processing.
3. HR will notify GE, DGS, Payroll, Dept Payroll/HR Admin and Supervisor.

### If leave claim is **Denied**:

1. HR will notify GE, DGS, Payroll, Dept Payroll/HR Admin and Supervisor.

### Hiring Unit's Responsibilities:

1. Respond to any requests from and provide information to UO Benefits Office, DGS, and Payroll.
2. Direct GEs to HR's PFML [webpage](#).
3. Reach out to [uopaidleave@uoregon.edu](mailto:uopaidleave@uoregon.edu) with PFML questions.
4. Reach out to [Jered and Srithip](#) with remissions questions.
5. Submit a revision ePRF selecting:
  - **"GE Non-academic Leave Pending"**

*DO NOT TERMINATE APPOINTMENT.*



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# Admissions - Recent Slate Enhancements

- Additional decision codes for improved reporting
- New way to track applicants who decline prior to formal admission
- Better clean up of duplicate applications
- Streamlined program supplement and recommendations waiver process

*Review details in “New Graduate Admissions Enhancements in Slate” email from [admitgradstudies@uoregon.edu](mailto:admitgradstudies@uoregon.edu) sent 5/8.*



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# Admissions - Annual Update Process

- We will be opening our annual updates process for programs within the next few weeks.
- Detailed information will be communicated via email.
- Now is a good time to be talking with your admissions faculty/directors about what changes the program would like to make on their application for the 2025 admissions cycle.

Tip: You can view your program's current application set up by logging in with your program's test account, available at the link below:

[https://uoregon.sharepoint.com/:x:/s/O365\\_Div.Grad.Studies/EW76MD-tFX9Chvxvl2eanDMBuln7\\_eEa0\\_XVaPPhtPnKbg?e=pcAMlv](https://uoregon.sharepoint.com/:x:/s/O365_Div.Grad.Studies/EW76MD-tFX9Chvxvl2eanDMBuln7_eEa0_XVaPPhtPnKbg?e=pcAMlv)



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# Admissions - Upcoming Slate Enhancements

- Several new enhancements will roll out as part of our annual updates process, including:
- Ability to opt in to administrative notification emails
- Ability to opt in to various communications to applicants letting them know the application is open and reminding applicants who have started apps for your program of their upcoming admissions deadline.
- We will be requiring programs to report an admissions contact email and phone number so that we can more easily connect applicants with you in communications and through their portal.
- ...and more!



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# Graduate Tracking Update

- We have continued to work with Information Services (IS) to move forward with the graduate tracking project.
- Slate is a viable solution for our tracking needs, however, IS has asked us to work with them to explore other products in the Ellucian\* environment.
- We had planned to be starting development in Slate this spring, but exploring the viability of Ellucian products has delayed our timeline.

\*Ellucian is the company that owns Banner and Degree Works.



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# New Summer Enrollment Policy

- Summer session registration is not required unless:
  - a) it is the student's first term in the program, or
  - b) the student's program requires it.
- For students who do register for summer, the minimum enrollment requirement is **one graduate credit**.
- **The Division of Graduate Studies no longer requires students who are graduating, completing exams, etc. in the Summer to register for credit.**



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# Summer Tuition Waiver – New Process

Student’s program must verify that credits are required for the degree for the tuition to be covered

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	BENEFIT DETAILS	ACTION NEEDED
<p>Summer GE position</p>	<p><b>University covers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tuition for up to 16 credits required for the degree</li> <li>•All but \$61 of <a href="#">mandatory enrollment fees</a></li> </ul> <p><b>GE is responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•\$61 of <a href="#">mandatory enrollment fees</a></li> <li>•All other course fees (laboratory fees, online course fees, etc.)</li> </ul>	<p>Submit the <a href="#">Summer Tuition Waiver Request Form</a> by the priority deadline of <b>June 1.*</b></p> <p>Note: Your academic program must confirm that the requested credits are required for your degree. Upon submission of the form, the request will be forwarded to your Graduate Program Coordinator to provide this confirmation.</p>
<p>“Summer Sandwich”</p> <p>(No Summer GE, but had GE appointments in at least two quarters of the preceding AY)</p>	<p><b>University covers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tuition for up to 16 credits required for the degree</li> <li>•35% of <a href="#">mandatory enrollment fees</a></li> </ul> <p><b>GE is responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•65% of <a href="#">mandatory enrollment fees</a></li> <li>•All other course fees (laboratory fees, online course fees, etc.)</li> </ul>	<p>Submit the <a href="#">Summer Tuition Waiver Request Form</a> by the priority deadline of <b>June 1.*</b></p> <p>Note: Your academic program must confirm that the requested credits are required for your degree. Upon submission of the form, the request will be forwarded to your Graduate Program Coordinator to provide this confirmation.</p>



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# GDRS Updates

- Updated GDRSs are now posted on our website.
- Per the CBA, GEs must be given an opportunity to provide feedback on their unit's GDRS.
- The deadline for GE feedback was May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Within the next few days, we will send each unit:
  - A copy of their Grad Studies-approved GDRS
  - Any feedback received from GEs
- Units who receive feedback will have the opportunity to incorporate the feedback if appropriate and re-submit their GDRS.



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# Course of Study Updates in UO Catalog

To help prepare for new graduate student tracking processes, Grad Studies and Office of the Registrar will be developing an expedited process to:

- Add a Course of Study for programs who don't currently have one in the catalog
- Update outdated or inaccurate Courses of Study



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# Summer Rec Center Membership

- Summer GEs with Spring appointments and a GE appointment following Fall term who do not enroll in any summer courses may receive no-cost UO Rec center membership.
- Student signs up at rec center for the “Non-Fee Paying Students” membership option and has the fee charged to their student billing account
- Grad Studies will provide list to student billing and reconcile in September
- Charged to schools/colleges in same manner as summer insurance and tuition waiver for non-GEs



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# Graduate Education Excellence Awards

- Excellence in Mentorship Award: Faculty Mentors
- New this year! Excellence in Mentorship Award: Graduate Student Mentors
- Excellence Award for Directors of Graduate Studies
- Excellence Award for Graduate Coordinators

Selections have been made, and winners will be announced soon!



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# Q&A Session



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