

Subject: Monday Matters: Graduate Studies

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Dear Colleagues:

The College of Sciences has more than 500 graduate students participating in a wide range of research areas and teaching subjects. As Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Lesley Greene is working closely with the Graduate Program Directors, the Graduate School, and many other offices on campus to support graduate students and faculty mentors. She has an open-door policy and is here to help. Lesley is a member of the Graduate Administrators Council which addresses graduate issues, policies, and procedures across the university. Graduate education is also furthered in the College by the Graduate Committee composed of Graduate Program Directors who review graduate degree curricula, develop new college graduate policies and procedures, and certify faculty for graduate instruction. Graduate students also have direct representation in the college through the College Graduate Student Advisory Board which is composed of student representatives from each department.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Graduate Program Directors, whose efforts advance the highest-level of education in the College of Science. These are:

- Dan Barshis (Ecological Sciences PhD program)
- Piotr Kraj (Biology MS program)
- Robin Lewis (Clinical Psychology PhD, Virginia Consortium program)
- Yaohang Li and Danella Zhao (Computer Science MS & PhD programs)
- James Paulson (Psychology MS & PhD programs)
- Bala Ramjee (Chemistry MS & PhD programs)
- Matthew Schmidt (Ocean and Earth Sciences MS & Oceanography PhD programs)
- Balša Terzić (Physics MS & PhD programs)
- Ruhai Zhou (Computational and Applied Mathematics MS & PhD programs)

Graduate Student Resources

<https://www.odu.edu/graduateschool/resources>

The Departmental GPDs can also provide a list of resources compiled for graduate students by COS.

3MT (3 Minute Thesis)

This is a fun and engaging contest where students rise to the challenge to present their thesis or doctoral research in 3 minutes. Imagine years of work summarized down to a few minutes and understandable to an interdisciplinary audience! Step up and showcase your discoveries!

[Eligible graduate students are:](#)

1. Completing a thesis or dissertation.
2. Planning to complete the Master's or Doctoral degree with that thesis or dissertation by summer 2022.

The time required to compete in the 3MT is time *related* to preparing the justification for and communication of the thesis and dissertation research. Previous competitors have reported that the 3MT work helped their writing and ability to defend orally their work. The 3MT's purpose is also to train students to communicate – quickly but effectively – their work to broader audiences, another key skill.

All competitors who make the finals for November 30 (there is a preliminary competition to narrow down the finals to the top 8) receive significant promotion of their scholarship, ODU news attention (and possibly beyond), and a professional video of their presentation that they can use for CVs, etc. Significant prize money is available. Interested graduate students should attend the

Recruiting Workshop: Thursday October 7 (12:20-1:20pm) Graduate Student & Professional Commons 2109, Monarch Hall

https://www.odu.edu/graduateschool/calendar/2021/10/mt_3_minute_thesis

If you have questions or concerns or suggestions for how the Dean's office can assist you with graduate student issues, please contact Lesley.

Best Regards,
Gail

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