About the Graduate School

Our Core Purpose: Promote graduate education by fostering excellence, innovation, and inclusive communities.

What We Do:

• Admit all graduate students to the UO
• Administer university-wide fellowships
• Offer professional development opportunities
• Support innovative practices in graduate education and events that reward and support student research
• Oversee all GTF appointments
• Provide individualized support for departments and students when they encounter personal, academic, GTF work-related hurdles
• Provide thesis/dissertation support
• Oversee degree clearance (graduation)
Funding and fellowships

- **Graduate Teaching Fellowship (GTF)**
  - Teaching, research, and administrative assistantships
  - Monthly salary, tuition waiver, fee subsidy, insurance access and subsidy
  - Check with your department and the Graduate School homepage for GTF openings

- **Graduate School Fellowships**
  - 12 different awards— applications due in February and April-- for the upcoming academic year
  - See Grad School website and watch your email for info

- **Other Funding through UO and External Entities**
  - See “Funding & Awards” at gradschool.uoregon.edu
“PACE” Workshops

- Four themes:
  - **Professional Development**
  - **Academic Success**
  - **Community and Wellness**
  - **Engaging in Research**

- Example workshops:
  - Speeding Reading for Grad Students
  - Time Management
  - Thesis and Dissertation Preparation
  - Careers Outside Academia
Professional Development

Three Minute Thesis Competition, April 2016
- UO competition- win up to $500
- Statewide competition- win up to $1,000
Professional Development

2016 Graduate Student Research Forum
Friday, February 12, 2016
Ford Alumni Center
Graduate Student Center

Susan Campbell Hall First Floor
8am-11am, drop-in only
Reserve the space, 11 am to 5 pm

- Graduate student study lounge and event space
- Location of most Graduate School workshops and programs
- Can be reserved for meetings, oral defenses, guest speakers, workshops, and other events by graduate students

- Wi-fi
- Wall-mounted AV screen
- Seating for up to 30 people
- Movable furniture
- Meeting tables
Leona Tyler Conference Room

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- Workshops
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- Attached conference room
A Little Advice...

1. Set Goals and Know Expectations

- What do you want to get out of this?
- What’s your timeline?
- Learn key policies:
  - Departmental policies and benchmarks
  - Graduate School academic policies
  - University conduct policies
- Write and research with integrity
- Be strategic
- Think ahead
A Little Advice...

2. Build Your Networks

In your department or school/college:

- Your Cohort
- Research Interest Groups
- Department/School/College Student Advisory Boards
- Key Faculty/Staff:
  - Academic Advisor
  - Director of Graduate Studies
  - Graduate Coordinator

Campus resources:

- UO Libraries
- Teaching & Learning Center
- Teaching Effectiveness Program
- International Affairs
- Graduate School
- Rec Center
- Center for Multicultural Academic Success
- Office of the Dean of Students
A Little Advice...

2. Build Your Networks

Get involved:
- Rehearsals for Life
- Graduate Student Association
- Graduate School Advisory Board
- UO Women in Graduate Sciences
- UO Families Listserv
- International Student Coffee Hour (EMU Mills International Center every Friday from 4:00 to 6:00pm)

Take advantage of campus and community events:
> Read the Eugene Weekly
> Visit the UO Calendar (calendar.uoregon.edu)
> Bookmark Around the O (around.uoregon.edu)
> UO Outdoor Program
> University Theatre, ticket office at the EMU, Hult Center, WOW Hall, McDonald Theatre
> Museums, Art Walks
A Little Advice...

3. Take Care of Yourself

### Counseling and Testing Center
- Situational “crises” (academic stress, transition, adjustment)
- Ongoing psychological issues: (depression, anxiety, drug and alcohol issues, eating disorders)
- Individual, group, couples therapy
- Referrals to community healthcare providers

### Health Center
- Physicians, nurses, dentist, pharmacy, physical therapy
- Immunizations, flu shots, birth control, nicotine replacement products, lab/blood work
- Diabetes management, nutrition education
- Stress reduction services (acupuncture, massage, workshops)

- All students pay an access fee of $150 per term.
- Most visits cost around $10, which can be charged to your student account.
- Most visits for GTFs are free, starting this fall.
Your Health Insurance Options

**Private health insurance**
- Must meet the University’s insurance waiver requirements
- Contact Bonnie Kuhn to make sure: 541-346-2832

**UO student health insurance (Aetna)**
- Costs and benefits are outlined at healthcenter.uoregon.edu
- Estimated cost per term, $361.00, is charged to the student account
- Family plans are available

**GTFF health insurance**
- Available only to students with GTF appointments. Benefits and enrollment info at gtff.net
- Student’s cost in 2012-13 is about $60 per term for the individual GTF
- Family plans are available
Fall Orientations

- **International Student Orientation panel: Willamette 100**
  - Thursday, September 17th from 2:30 to 3:30

- **International Student Social: Willamette atrium**
  - Thursday, September 17th from 3:30 to 4:30

- **International Student Information Session: Fenton 110**
  - Friday, September 18th from 11:00 to 12:30

- **New Graduate Student Orientation: EMU Ballroom**
  - Tuesday, September 22nd from 12:00 to 3:00

- **Teaching Undergrads: New Teaching GTF Orientation: Lawrence 177**
  - Wednesday September 23rd from 10:00 to 12:00
GTF Orientation

- GTFs teach, do research, or have administrative duties
- Online orientation
- Harassment Training Requirement
- Teaching GTF Orientation
- GTFF Union’s Role
- SPEAK Test
- Benefits and How to Find a GTF
GTF Language Requirement

- GTFs who are non-native speakers of English and who are in teaching-related positions must show proficiency in their spoken English skills.

- **Two Ways:**
  1. Present a recent score from TSE, iBT TOEFL (speaking section), or previous SPEAK Test to the Graduate School
  2. Take the SPEAK Test in September
The SPEAK Test

- Students with a GTF in 2015-16 will not be charged the $35 fee.
- The test takes 30 minutes and has 5 speaking tasks.
- If you receive a 45 or lower, you will be required to take one or two language courses in order to have a teaching-related GTF assignment.

NEXT TEST DATE: September 22, 2015
Email Trish Pashby at tpashby@uoregon.edu to register
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- Watch for the GradPost monthly e-newsletter
- “Like” the University of Oregon Graduate School on Facebook
- Visit gradschool.uoregon.edu for upcoming events, resources on funding, policies, graduate student groups, and more…