What's Happening with G.R.A.D. Aggies!

Howdy, Ags!

In partnership with G.R.A.D. Aggies, the University Writing Center is happy to assist Texas A&M graduate students in the development of their writing and speaking skills. We offer in-person or online consultations with certified consultants for writing or public speaking projects. In consultations, you'll receive personalized advice and assistance based on your project and your needs. We work with you to improve your writing or speaking, so we'll focus on giving you the knowledge and skills you need to succeed. We can work with you at any stage of your project, from understanding assignments to developing and organizing content to perfecting your prose or practicing presentations. We also offer a variety of graduate student-centered workshops and retreats throughout the year, so watch your email for announcements about upcoming events!

To learn more about our services or make an appointment, check out our website: https://writingcenter.tamu.edu.

Thanks & Gig’em!
If you do not have access to G.R.A.D. Aggies Professional Development Certificate in eCampus, email grad-aggies@tamu.edu and include your name and UIN.

**G.R.A.D. Aggies Certificate Events**

*Biotechnology Careers Panel*
Hosted by the Career Center  
Thursday, April 11  
5:30pm-7:45pm  
Rudder Tower, Room 601

*Joint PVAMU- TAMU PD Series: Networking & LinkedIn*
Hosted by Texas A&M and Prairie View A&M  
Tuesday, April 23  
2:45pm-7:15pm  
Prairie View A&M University, Building TBD

*Grad Student Academic Interviewing Skills*
Hosted by the Career Center  
Thursday, April 26  
12:00-1:30pm  
Koldus Building, Room 209

*Money Education Center One-on-One Advising (recurring)*
Hosted by Money Education Center  
Monday-Friday (appointment needed)  
8:00am-5:00pm  
Pavilion (1st Floor)

**Other Professional Development Events & Resources**

**National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD)**

The National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity is an independent professional development, training, and mentoring community for faculty members, postdocs, and graduate students. They are 100% dedicated to supporting academics in making successful transitions throughout their careers.

To activate your confidential, personal membership at no cost to you click [here](#).
Navigating the Barriers to Getting Your STEM Grant Funded
Thursday, May 9th
1:00pm – 2:30pm

Expert panelists will share diverse perspectives (agency, applicant, mentor) about the current disparity in STEM research grant funding. Panelists will discuss real and perceived barriers-- including bias in peer review, provide an overview of the innovative steps NIH is taking to make the grant application process more equitable, and reflect on the personal and professional consequences when minority STEM faculty fail to obtain funding for their research.

Register Here: https://www.facultydiversity.org/webinars/stemgrant19

DoctoralNet and MastersNet (DN/MN)

The DoctoralNet and MastersNet platform provides you access to a full range of digital resources and professional development services 24/7, 365 with the goal of improving the graduate and professional student experience. For more information click here.

Upcoming DN/MN Events

What are Masters Expected to be Able to do in the Work Environment?
Monday, April 15
9:30am

The Challenges of Changing Identities: Language, Place, Culture etc.
Monday, April 15
10:45am

How to Build Success Out of Being Different, Especially When It’s Hard
Monday, April 22
9:30am

Sharing Books That Have Been Helpful
Monday, April 22
10:45am

CIRTL Events
The Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning has several spring 2019 online events. Events have life, real-time online sessions; event series include a handful of events that revolve around a unifying theme in STEM teaching and learning.

Upcoming CIRTL Events

All-Network Teaching-as-Research Presentations
**Wednesday, April 17**
5pm-6:30pm
https://www.cirtl.net/events/621

**Faculty Advising in a Community College Setting: What You Need to Know and How to do it Well**
Monday, April 22
12pm-1:30pm
https://www.cirtl.net/events/611

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**Versatile PhD Career Tool**

Designed to help graduate students identify, prepare for, and excel in non-academic careers, Versatile PhD provides original, first-person content from real-life Ph.D.’s and ABD’s succeeding outside of the academy. Versatile PhD is sponsored by the Office of Graduate & Professional Studies and the Career Center of Texas A&M University, and as a student, you are granted access to all premium content. For more information and to sign up, click here. Enter your NetID and password to create your VPhD account.

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**Lynda.com Video Training**

With your Texas A&M NetID you get access to:
- More than 120,000 video tutorials
- New courses added every week
- Instruction from world-class experts

Find out more information by visiting lynda.tamu.edu or through the Howdy Portal.

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**Professional Development (PD) Portal**

The PD Portal is a tool connecting students with professional development activities and resources at the department, college, or university level. Students can use the Professional Development Portal to search for opportunities by professional development skill area, college or academic unit, target audience or any combination of the three.

Click here to start searching: https://ogaps.tamu.edu/profdev-portal

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**MaroonBase**

Explore Texas A&M’s vast opportunities for innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship, and leadership.
Pacifica App

Live happier and healthier with Pacifica. Provides daily tools for stress, anxiety, and depression alongside a supportive community. Pacifica Premium App is FREE to students, faculty, and staff with a Texas A&M email.

To download the app for free visit: scs.tamu.edu/Pacifica

CEHD Writing Initiative- P.O.W.E.R. (Promoting Outstanding Writing for Excellence in Research)

Are you “stuck” in your writing? Guess what? We can help! The Basic Writing Studio focuses on providing tips and strategies to help you write more, write frequently, and with less stress. The Advanced Writing Studio will focus on the editing strategies for participants who already took a Basic Studio. Fill out a Request Form to request to join a POWER Writing Studio (Basic or Advanced) this April 2019.

Request Form: http://power.tamu.edu/writing-studios

2019 Texas A&M Hispanic Network Summit Leverage the Aggie Familia: Focus on Mentoring and Networking

Thursday & Friday- April 25 & 26, 2019 in Fort Worth, Texas at the Texas A&M University School of Law.

Register Here: http://tamhn2019summit.ezregister.com/

Finding the Right Path - A Career Planning & Exploration Workshop Series for Postdocs & Graduate Students

The purpose of the myIDP workshop is to provide TAMU graduate and professional students and post-doctoral fellows the opportunity to receive counseling and resources related to career development.

There will be two separate sessions led by guest speaker Dr. Phillip Clifford from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS):

-Session 1: myIDP Interactive Workshop (1-3 pm, Tuesday, April 23rd)
This Week’s Feature:

The Dissertation, Article and Thesis Assistance Program (DATA)

Long and involved scholarly documents are a special sort of beast. Students working on scholarly articles, theses, and dissertations can require more support than students working on coursework and related documents. The Dissertation, Article and Thesis Assistance program (DATA) was designed with this in mind. Students in the DATA program are paired with the same consultant for up to ten 45-minute sessions. The DATA consultant's job, like that of other consultants, is to help the writer improve their writing skills, but the repeating appointments allow the consultant to get to know the student and the project more thoroughly. It also allows for scheduling appointments at regular intervals. Consultations cover a variety of concerns and are customized to address the student's timeline and needs. A DATA consultant, for example, can spend the first half of a 45- minute consultation reading submitted work, and the rest of the session discussing it with the student. The student and consultant can also coordinate appointments online or by video conference.

During DATA you will:

- agree on appointments that works with your schedule (once a week, biweekly, etc.)
- work independently between consultations to make progress and improve your skills
- learn to set personal writing goals
- learn revising and proofreading techniques
- learn effective writing habits

Visit the following link to learn more about the DATA program or fill out an application: https://writingcenter.tamu.edu/Students/Graduate-Students/DATA-(Dissertation-Article-
What is G.R.A.D. Aggies?

The goal of G.R.A.D. Aggies is to help students engage in activities and resources to better prepare them for professional life after graduate school.

Learn More

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