The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies

Professional Development

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What is PD?

- Training outside traditional, discipline-based graduate coursework.
- Helps bridge the gap between graduate education and the workforce.
What is PD?

Goals of participating in PD:

1. Students learn skills that are transferable.

2. Students gain greater awareness of different career paths (thus, increasing confidence and independence).
OGAPS PD Initiative

1. Versatile Ph.D. Portal

2. Professional Development Portal

3. Aggies Commit Mini Grants

4. Research and Presentation (RAP) Grants

5. 3 Minute Thesis Competition


7. CIRTL@TAMU
VERSATILE PHD PORTAL
GRADUATE STUDENTS:

Worried about your future?  
Thinking about non-academic careers?  
There is a resource for YOU!

Founded and staffed by PhDs, VPhD helps you become versatile: ready, willing, and able to steer your career in many directions!

Serving Humanities, Social Science, and STEM fields

START HERE!

✓ Go to vphd.info/TAMU_go  
✓ Enter your NetId and password  
✓ Create a VPhD account  
✓ Sign in!
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PORTAL
OGAPS PD Portal

A search engine for students to identify PD opportunities across campus

*ogaps.tamu.edu/profdev-portal
AGGIES COMMIT GRANTS
Aggies Commit Mini-Grants

• Up to $2,000 available to encourage student organizations to:

  – Develop new or enhance existing activities or events that provide high-impact learning experiences (HILE) for graduate student participants.

  – Applications due each October.
RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION GRANTS
RAP Grants

• Research and Presentation Awards
  ❖ Deadlines: August 1 for travel September 1 - November 30
  ❖ November 1 for travel December 1 - February 29
  ❖ February 1 for travel March 1 - May 30
  ❖ May 1 for travel June 1 - August 31

• Presentation or Conference Attendance
  ❖ Domestic Travel (lower 48) $500
  ❖ International Travel, Alaska or Hawaii $750

• Research Activities
  ❖ Domestic or International Travel $750

• High Impact Learning Opportunities
  ❖ Domestic or International Travel $1000

*Students must attend at least one G.R.A.D. Aggies Event*

http://calendar.tamu.edu/graduatestudies/#view/all
G.R.A.D. AGGIES

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT
- Degree Completion
- Financial Management
- Stress Management & Support Networks
- Publications & Conferences
- Research & Grants Proposals

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNICATION
- Mentoring
- Collaboration
- Self-awareness
- Diversity & the Global Workforce
- Oral & Written Communication

INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT
- Teaching & Delivery Methods
- Reflecting On Practice
- Assess Learning
- Designing Courses
- Hands-on Teaching Opportunities

CAREER DEVELOPMENT
- Career Path Knowledge:
  1) Academic
  2) Non-academic
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Job Searching Skills
- Marketability
- Networking
Collaboration of 8 campus units to provide professional development opportunities for graduate students to better prepare them for professional life after graduate school.

G.R.A.D. Aggies Collaborators:
- Career Center
- CTE
- GSC
- ISS
- OGAPS
- SCS
- University Libraries
- UWC

G.R.A.D. Aggies Programs:
- Workshops
- Seminars
- One-to-one consultations
- Online Resources
- For more information visit http://gradaggies.tamu.edu
3 MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION
3 Minute Thesis (3MT)

- 3 Development Sessions
- Preliminary Competition
- Final Competition
- Regional Competition
CENTER FOR THE INTEGRATION OF RESEARCH, TEACHING AND LEARNING (CIRTL)
Mission

To enhance excellence in undergraduate education through the development of a national STEM faculty committed to implementing and advancing effective teaching and learning practices for diverse student audiences as part of their professional careers.
The Core Ideas of CIRTL

Teaching-as-Research
• The deliberate and systematic use of research methods to advance teaching and learning practices

Learning Community
• Participants collaboratively construct knowledge and achieve learning goals

Learning-through-Diversity
• Learning of all students is enhanced, if all engaged
The benefits of student and postdoc involvement include:

- Be part of a national network that focuses on improving UG teaching credentialing
- Access to various local and national courses, workshops, MOOCs, and groups on research and teaching.
- Increased effectiveness as teachers throughout their careers.
- Competitive advantage for faculty positions, and a head start as junior faculty members.
- Increased success in obtaining NSF Graduate Fellowships, CAREER awards, and research funding.
Questions?
Comments?