

## Monday Matters: Research Mentoring; News from Graduate Affairs

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Dear Colleagues,

Goal 2 of the College Strategic Plan focuses on graduate education. Strategy 2.d. is to support and promote excellent graduate student/advisor relationships (see attached). We are eager to find ways to provide faculty meaningful tools and training to assist them in their roles as research mentors. Accordingly, we will send 2 - 3 tenured faculty to a two-day **Mentoring Facilitator Workshop** to be held August 14-15, 2024, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The “train the trainers” workshop is offered by the Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research ([CIMER](#)), which has a very good reputation. In turn these faculty will provide mentorship training for our faculty over the following two academic years, tentatively once per semester. We have to work out the details, but we expect to compensate the faculty for conducting this training at ODU.

**If you are interested in being one of the faculty to receive this CIMER training, we want to hear from you.** Please submit a short statement (up to one page) that outlines your interest, experience as a mentor and commitment and availability to serve a trainer in COS for two academic years. Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative. Due date: 12 noon, Friday, 16 FEB (please submit the summary as a pdf to Lesley Greene, [lgreene@odu.edu](mailto:lgreene@odu.edu)).

For more information please contact Lesley and see:

[Facilitator Workshop: Learn to Implement Mentor Training – CIMER \(\[cimerproject.org\]\(http://cimerproject.org\)\)](#).

[Facilitating Entering Mentoring – CIMER \(\[cimerproject.org\]\(http://cimerproject.org\)\)](#).

### Career Pathways for Graduate Students

Career Pathways is a university-wide career and professional development program available to all ODU graduate students and post-doctoral scholars. Career Pathways includes two programs: (1) **Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) program** for graduate students and postdocs interested in an academic career; and (2) **Preparing Future Professionals (PFP) program** for graduate students and postdocs interested in a non-academic career such as in industry, non-profit/non-governmental organizations, or government agencies. The PFF and PFP Certificates are free, and all Career Pathways events are open to all ODU graduate students and postdocs (formal enrollment or registration is not required).

A list of Spring 2024 events is available [on the Career Pathways website](#).

Professor Wie Yusuf (School of Public Service/Strome College of Business) is the Director of the Career Pathways program (email: [jyusuf@odu.edu](mailto:jyusuf@odu.edu)).

**Reminder:****Graduate Student Related Awards**

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards (Laboratory & Classroom) Due: Feb 5

Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award Due: Feb 12

University Doctoral Mentoring Award Due: Feb 19

**Service to the Community and COS**

Consider signing up to be a judge for the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair on April 13, 2024.

We need a lot of judges so please help us with this event.

To participate, fill out the 2024 Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair Judge Interest Form, <https://forms.office.com/r/ND2Hgyiw1H>. Thank you!

**Review Deadlines for May 2024 graduates:** The COS deadline for dissertations and theses is April 12. The ProQuest Deadline is May 3.

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Best Regards,  
Lesley Green

**Upcoming Events and Deadlines:**

- Feb. 7, 12:30: Data Science Seminar - Dr. Nikos Chrisochoides, “Workforce Development in Quantum Information Sciences and Engineering”; Monarch Hall 1113B and zoom (<https://odu.zoom.us/j/96278530780?pwd=M2x2YUlaS3lVUklRL01sU3l2TkxMZz09>)
- Feb. 8, 7 pm: Sonenshine public Lecture - [Dr. Jonna Mazet](#), “Colliding Crises: the power of collaboration for addressing the planet’s wicked problems”; Lê Planetarium, Chemistry
- Feb. 15: abstract deadline for Undergraduate Research Symposium
- Feb. 23 Science Friday 4 – 6 pm PSB 1100; Speakers John Whiteman (Biology) and Xiao Yang (Psychology)
- Feb. 28: Deadline for COS environmental sciences seed funding proposals
- March 15: Deadline for COS awards and Cheng Fund for Innovative Research proposals
- March 29 Science Friday 4 – 6 pm PSB 1100; Speakers Matt Grau (Physics) and Lusi Li (Computer Science)
- March 30: Undergraduate Research Symposium
- April 13: Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair – please register to be a judge at <https://forms.office.com/r/ND2Hgyiw1H>
- April 23: College of Sciences Awards Ceremony - afternoon

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