



Graduate Center

The Graduate Center is a hub of campus-wide professional development resources for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. We offer support in-person and online, and our programs are free of charge. Our workshops and events focus on five areas of professional development: Communication, Multiple Career Pathways Support, Mentoring, Wellness, and Interdisciplinarity and Diversity.

Stay Informed and Connected

[Graduate Center Newsletter](#)

A quarterly newsletter with articles featuring resources, student and alumni profiles, community engagement, and opportunities for collaboration. Stay connected and [sign up to receive the newsletter](#) four times per academic year: <http://eepurl.com/cnCQDH>

Social Media

Engage with us and other students, faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars, and alumni by following our Facebook page or joining our LinkedIn Group.

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UArizonaGradCenter>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13919131/>

Upcoming Spring 2022 Events and Services

-- All workshops and services are FREE--

Full details about our programs and additional on-campus professional development opportunities can be found on our website: <https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/>. Dates and times are subject to change and will be reflected on our online calendar. All times listed are in Mountain Standard/Arizona Time Zone.

[Graduate Writing Lab](#)

<https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/graduate-writing-lab>

The Graduate Writing Lab (GWL) offers free consultations by appointment with trained and certified peer tutors. Our graduate tutors will discuss any kind of writing at any point in the process. Appointments can be in-person, virtual, or asynchronous.

- Monday - Friday from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Asynchronous services any time

Writing Efficiency Sessions

<https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/writing-support/writing-efficiency-sessions>

A weekly virtual program to help attendees complete their writing projects. The program includes timed writing sprints, a short discussion about improving your writing productivity, and the opportunity to meet 1:1 with a writing consultant. Attend all or part of a session. There is no cost to register or attend. Sessions are offered in a hybrid format unless otherwise noted.

- Mondays 11 AM to 1 PM
- Tuesdays 7 PM to 9 PM (Zoom Only)
- Wednesdays 10 AM to 12 PM
- Thursdays 12 PM to 2 PM

ABD to PhD Writing Workshops

<https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/writing-support/abd-phd-writing-workshops>

A participatory workshop series focused on dissertation writing.

- [Literature Review 2.0: Synthesizing Information](#)
 - January 19, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM , Zoom and In-person
- [Avoiding Wordiness in Academic Writing](#)
 - February 16, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM , Zoom and In-person
- [Sentence Fluency](#)
 - March 16, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM , Zoom and In-person

Grad Slam Presentation Competition

<http://bit.ly/UAGradSlam>

An annual event in which graduate students have three minutes to share their work with a general audience—and compete for thousands of dollars in prize money!

- Information sessions January 31 through February 24, via Zoom
 - February 4 PM to 5 PM
 - February 23, 9 AM to 10 AM
- February 27: Registration Deadline
- March 21-23: Preliminary Rounds
- April 1: Semifinal Rounds
- April 7: Final Round

Grad Slam Public Speaking Workshops

<https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/grad-slam/workshops>

Open to all students regardless of competition participation. Offered in person and via Zoom.

- Intro to the Message Box and Defining the Audience and Topic
 - January 31: 3 PM to 4 PM
- Communicating the Problem and Answering the “So What” Question
 - February 7, 3 PM to 4 PM

Grad Slam Public Speaking Workshops, continued

- Communicating Benefits and Solutions to Your Audience
 - February 14: 3 PM to 4 PM
- Crafting a Memorable Message
 - Feb 21: 3 PM to 4 PM
- Visual Design Considerations
 - Feb 28: 3 PM to 4 PM
- Presenting with Confidence and Effective Use of Body Language and Vocal Variety
 - March 14: 3 PM to 4 PM

“Communication Strategies for Evolving Times” with Jack Harris

This workshop is for people who want to communicate more effectively, build better relationships, and learn practical skills they can apply to everyday, real-life situations. Registration link coming soon.

- March 23, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM, in-person and via Zoom

[Graduate College Career Advising](https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/career-support)

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The Graduate Center supports graduate students and postdoctoral scholars in their pursuit of careers in industry, government, business, and non-profit employment sectors. Support includes identifying opportunities, conducting searches, networking, drafting application materials, and interviewing. During a 50 minute 1:1 Career Advising appointment, you can receive support tailored to your specific goals and objectives and leave with ideas and strategies for moving forward, a timeline to work within, and resources beyond what exists on this page. For Quick Advising, you can find the drop-in hours and Zoom link online in order to meet virtually with a career advisor. Same day signup for a 15 minute Quick Advising session is an option when space allows. You can schedule a 1:1 career advising appointment using [Trellis](#). Upon signing into the Trellis, you will see available advisers to choose from and available times. You can also email gradcenter@email.arizona.edu.

[Career Forward Sprint: Beyond the Academy](#)

For graduate students and postdoctoral scholars who are thinking about careers outside the academy. This free, fully online (D2L) program teaches strategies to help you successfully navigate your career beyond the academy, while presenting your most professional self. The 1-month cohort experience covers:

1. Career research and discovery
2. Building your network and your professional self
3. Developing your application materials
4. Preparing for and practicing interviewing

In typical Sprint fashion, recommended daily tasks help ensure you keep moving forward! If you have questions or want to reserve your spot, please email gradcenter@email.arizona.edu. **A new cohort begins every month.** More information available at <https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/career-support>.

Preparing for Faculty Job Applications Series

<https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/career-support/preparing-faculty-job-applications-series>

This series of participatory workshops focuses on the academic job market and addresses topics such as writing teaching, research, and diversity statements; creating ePortfolios; managing your online presence; and preparing for interviews.

- [Pathways Beyond PhD: Academia and Higher Education](#)
 - January 25, 12 PM to 1:30 PM, in person and via Zoom
- [Developing your Teaching and Research Statements](#)
 - February 1, 12 PM to 1:15 PM, in person and via Zoom
- [Writing Diversity Statements](#)
 - February 8, 12 PM to 1:15 PM, in person and via Zoom
- [Creating ePortfolios and an Online Presence](#)
 - February 15, 12 PM to 1:15 PM, in person and via Zoom
- [Preparing for the Academic Job Interview](#)
 - February 22, 12 PM to 1:15 PM, in person and via Zoom
- Application Materials Review
 - March 1 Submission Deadline
 - March 18 Feedback Returned

Preparing for Business, Nonprofit, and Government Job Applications Series

This series of participatory workshops focuses on careers beyond academia and addresses topics such as creating your LinkedIn profile and professional connections, developing efficient job search strategies, how to tailor job materials for specific jobs, and preparing for different types of interviews.

- [Creating your Professional Online Presence and Creating Connections: Maximizing LinkedIn](#)
 - February 2, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, via Zoom
- [Efficient Job Search Strategies: Careers in Business, Nonprofits, & Government](#)
 - February 16, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, via Zoom
- [Tailoring Resumes, CVs, and Cover Letters](#)
 - March 2, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, via Zoom
- [Interview Preparation](#)
 - March 16, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, via Zoom
- [Drop-In Advising for Application Questions and Material Review](#)
 - Every Friday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, via Zoom

Career Fair Prep Program

This free and fully online program for **graduate students** launches one month before each of the University of Arizona's career fairs and provides information, guidance, and resources on:

- Using Handshake to research employers and their opportunities
- Crafting a self-introduction and talking points to make a great first impression

- Preparing application materials if you find opportunities of interest
- Maximizing your interactions with employers at the career fair
- Continuing to build relationships after the event

Additionally, participants receive priority appointment scheduling with your career support team. This means you can schedule a 30-minute 1:1 career advising appointment the same day (as available) to help you prepare for the career fair.

The Career Fair Prep Program launches 10 to 14 days prior to the campus-wide career fair each semester.

Graduate Center Endorsed Career Fairs

[Spring Career Days 2022](#)

Every semester the University of Arizona Student Engagement and Career Development office facilitates a multi-day career fair that brings together employers who are actively recruiting and networking. While these employers may not be readily recruiting for roles requiring an advanced degree, you may still find opportunities of interest. If nothing else, this is a fantastic opportunity for you to begin building relationships with potential employers of interest because you never know where your next opportunity will come from. The 2022 Virtual Spring Career Days event takes place over the following days:

- **Virtual Commerce & Management Hiring Students of All Majors**
Employers are looking for students of all majors interested in business operations, sales, insurance, human resources, communications, event management, office management, retail, and other related fields.
 - Wednesday, February 16, 1 - 4 PM, online via Zoom
 - [Register on Handshake](#)
- **Virtual STEM Day**
Employers looking for students in specialties related to engineering, optics & photonics, information technology, mathematics, and more.
 - Thursday, February 17, 1 - 4 PM, online via Zoom
 - [Register on Handshake](#)
- **Virtual Global Impact & Public Service**
Find opportunities to serve in the public interest and advance meaningful causes through government or non-profit work (including law and justice careers).
 - Thursday, February 23, 1 - 4 PM, online via Zoom
 - [Register on Handshake](#)
- **All Majors by Career Clusters**
Students who are open to new possibilities and ready to explore can find different job roles and industries by career cluster: data & technology, media & entertainment, healthcare & biosciences, administrative public service, commerce & management, and financial services.
 - Friday, February 24, 1 - 4 PM, SUMC Grand Ballroom
 - [Register on Handshake](#)

Fellowships and Funding Workshops

A series of workshops on funding opportunities and strategies for application writing offered through the Graduate Center Office of Fellowships. More information can be found at

<https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/gcof/>.

- **[Funding for domestic students considering international research](#)**
We will review various funding opportunities for students interested in doing research internationally. A list of possibilities will be provided.
 - Tuesday, January 25 from 12:30 - 1:30 PM, via Zoom
- **[Funding for international graduate students in the U.S.](#)**
Does it seem like most funding opportunities require U.S. citizenship? Don't be discouraged. There are opportunities for international students. We will discuss them and where to find them.
 - Monday, January 31 from 12:00 – 1:00 PM, via Zoom
- **[Funding for students entering the dissertation stage](#)**
Students beginning the dissertation stage, and planning to graduate around Spring 2024, should begin applying for dissertation awards now. We will discuss the possibilities.
 - Tuesday, March 22 from 9:30 - 10:30 AM, via Zoom
- **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP) Information Sessions**
The summer is the ideal time to work on these applications. We will give you all the information you need to get started.
 - [Monday, April 11 from 12:00 - 1:00 PM, via Zoom](#)
 - [Tuesday, April 12 from 9:30 - 10:30 AM, via Zoom](#)
- **[DAAD Information Session](#)**
If you have any interest in research or study in Germany, the DAAD is an excellent source of funding. We will cover the various opportunities and timelines for applications.
 - Tuesday, April 26 from 12:30 - 1:30 PM, via Zoom
- **Student Fulbright Application Workshop**
 - Multiple sessions held throughout the spring. More information on the Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships [website](#). Contact Valeria Quijada (valeriaq@arizona.edu) with questions.

In addition to our programs, we promote opportunities offered by our campus partners: see our [online calendar](#).

Have questions about our programs listed above, ideas for new programs, or other topics? Send them to gradcenter@email.arizona.edu or call 520-621-0580.