Dear graduate students,

Welcome to the 2023-24 academic year. We hope that you are having a fantastic fall term. Our regular Division of Graduate Studies newsletter provides students, faculty, and staff with graduate studies news, opportunities, and more.

Events

**International Student Association (ISA) first meeting of the year**
*Friday October 6, 5:00-6:00pm at LLC South Performance Hall*
ISA is a student-led organization that serves, supports, celebrates, and assists both physically and culturally international students at the University of Oregon within an inclusive and welcoming environment.

**Indigenous Peoples’ Day 2023**
*Monday October 9, 10:00am-12:00pm at EMU Amphitheater*
The Native American Student Union (NASU) invites you to celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

**Welcome Back Powwow**
*Monday October 9, 1:00pm at Many Nation’s Longhouse Lawn*
The Welcome Back Powwow has been rescheduled to follow the NASU Indigenous Peoples’ Day event.

**UO Fall Career & Internship Expo 2023**
*Thursday October 19, 12:00-4:00pm at EMU Ballroom*
Find your career fit with over 70+ employers comprised of private industry; public, educational, and non-profit organizations; local government, the federal government, law enforcement, and military. Open to students from ALL programs, classifications, and identities.

**3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition**
*Friday November 17, 1:30pm at EMU Crater Lake Rooms*
The 3MT competition gives graduate students no more than 3 minutes (and one slide) to present their research. This cultivates students’ capacity to effectively explain their research concisely in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. To participate, please submit a title and a 150-word abstract describing your research.

Competitors can expect to receive a feedback package after the event containing including a video clip of their presentation and the judges' scoresheet/comments.
Dynamic Presentations Series
Elevate your presentation skills with our three-part workshop series designed exclusively for graduate students. In these interactive sessions, you'll learn the art of crafting and delivering dynamic presentations that captivate your audience, convey complex ideas effectively, and leave a lasting impact.

- **Part 1:** Three Minute Thesis Workshop  
  *Friday October 20, 2:30-4:00pm at Allan Price Science Commons & Research Library - B040.* Join Bryan Rebar, PhD, Associate Director of the UO STEM CORE, for a workshop.

- **Part 2:** How to Engage Audiences at Conferences, in the Classroom, and Beyond  
  *(Click “Sign-in” and use your UO credentials to access this free NCFDD resource)*  
  *Tuesday October 24, 11:00am on Zoom.* Join Marnel Niles Goins, Dean of the College of Sciences and Humanities at Marymount University, who will provide recommendations for how to study an audience.

- **Part 3:** Mastering the Art of Compelling Slides  
  *Friday October 27, 11:30am-12:30pm on Zoom.*

- **Part 4:** 3MT Submission Drop-in Q&A  
  *Thursday November 2, 11:00am-2:00pm on Zoom or at Susan Campbell Hall 111.*

- **Part 5:** 3MT Presentation Q&A or Practice  
  *Monday November 13, 1:30-4:00pm on Zoom or at Susan Campbell Hall 111.*

- **Part 6:** 3MT Presentation Q&A or Practice  
  *Tuesday November 14, 1:30-4:00pm on Zoom or at Susan Campbell Hall 111.*

- **Part 7:** 3MT Presentation Q&A or Practice  
  *Thursday November 16, 1:30-4:00pm on Zoom or at Susan Campbell Hall 111.*

Funding & Support

**Fund it Forward Student Video Challenge:**  
*The challenge is open until Friday October 20.* The Science Coalition recently launched its annual Fund It Forward Student Video Challenge, a great opportunity for students to get involved in science advocacy and earn cash prizes! If you need resources (like access to a camera) or just want advice on making an award-winning video, email Karen Hyatt, director of intergovernmental relations at khyatt@uoregon.edu.

**UO Childcare Subsidy Application Open for 2023-2024:**  
This student fee-funded program provides financial assistance to eligible student parents to help ease the cost of childcare. Eligibility is based on financial need. See eligibility requirements and apply here.

**Free Dissertation Writing Assistance:**
Free dissertation writing help is available to students at all stages of their dissertation from conception to final formatting. The Division is sponsoring one-hour sessions with Alexa Weinstein, an experienced graduate-level academic editor and dissertation writing instructor. To schedule, email aweinst6@uoregon.edu.

**NEW Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations:**
Consistent with Title IX, the University of Oregon provides pregnant and parenting students with accommodations related to pregnancy, childbirth, and lactation. [Request reasonable accommodations](mailto:oicrc@uoregon.edu) or contact the Title IX Coordinator at oicrc@uoregon.edu with questions.

**Flu and COVID Vaccines in the Nursing Area:**
Starting Thursday October 5, students may [get both flu and COVID vaccines](#) in the nursing area. They should go onto their portal and make an appointment to get one scheduled.

**The Student Food Pantry is Open for Fall Term:**
[Free supplemental food for college students](#), in the greater Eugene area on Wednesdays from 4-6pm at 710 E. 17th Ave.

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