



January 2023

Dear Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows,

You have undoubtedly noticed a number of surveys or requests for information in the past year. We have had the Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Climate Survey at the university level, as well as many smaller requests, questionnaires, and small group discussions. Currently, the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (OGPS) is asking students and postdocs to take a [quick survey](#) regarding career service support, and we appreciate all answers and insight you provide there.

These surveys are just the beginning of the work we are doing, as those of you who use surveys in your research are aware. The first Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey, administered in 2017, led to the creation of All In, Tulane's coordinated response to sexual violence. Faculty and staff with student input, have been working for the past year on updating the All In plan with a wide variety of strategies and tactics to support our community and reduce the incidence of sexual misconduct that impacts us all. The updated plan will be unveiled later this semester in an online webinar to which you will all be invited.

The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Climate Survey is likewise being used by faculty and staff to inform our plans to make Tulane University a more welcoming community for all Tulanians. We are working across the university on a 5-year Strategy for Tomorrow Plan; every unit on campus has been asked to identify ways that they can improve our climate with specific tactics to achieve our goals. The data gleaned from that survey will help with benchmarking and identifying the specific areas of concern. Another survey will be implemented in 2027 to measure changes in campus climate.

Our [career services survey](#) has been designed to gather a much narrower band of information related to how OGPS can better help all of you. We know that the ways you access programming and services have changed (many more folks use online spaces than would have before COVID) and that many peoples' availability has also shifted. We're also interested in your ideas for career-related programs; with students and postdocs in dozens of fields, your input will be invaluable.

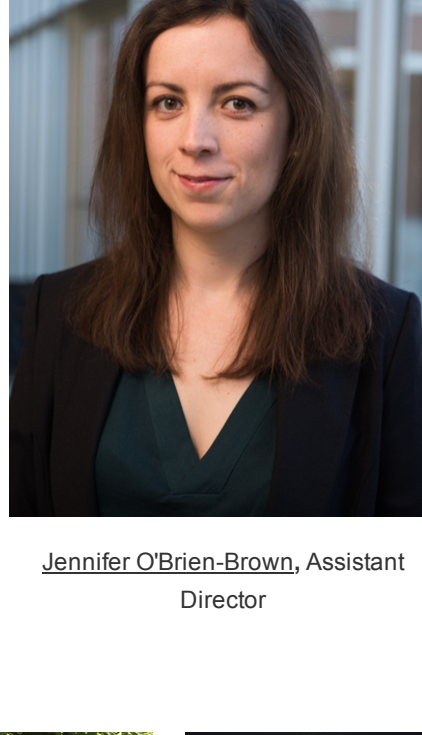
As researchers, you understand the importance of good data. Even if you haven't had specific experiences of harassment or discrimination, your participation can give us enough respondents to properly deidentify granular data for wider use. We know that taking time out to do a survey isn't always high on your agenda, but we hope that with some understanding of how surveys are being used to set priorities for the university, you'll make time for them. If you're ever unsure about how a survey will be used, please feel free to reach out to the creators, or to OGPS who can put you in touch with the creators.

Sincerely,

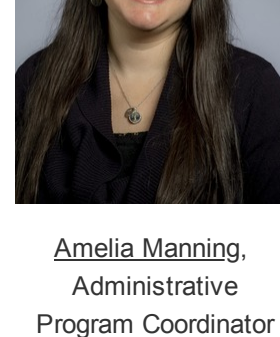
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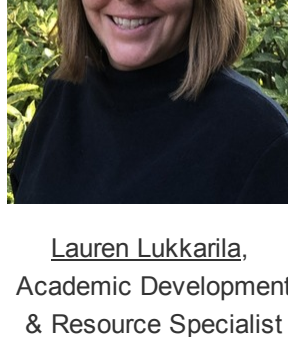
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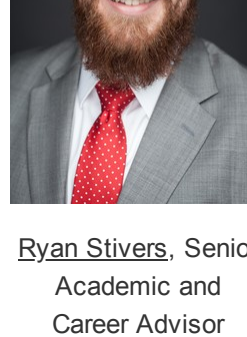
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OGPS Career Needs Assessment Survey

All Graduate Students and Postdocs: Please take a moment to complete our [OGPS Career Services Needs Assessment Survey](#). This survey will directly impact the career services programming you receive in 2023 – 2024. This anonymous survey will take 5 minutes or less to complete.

### Postdoc Writing Success Cohort

**Thursday, February 2, 5:00 - 5:50 PM**

Are you a postdoc professional looking for ways to stay motivated and on track with your own research and writing while working on your postdoc? The National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) offers a 10-week series titled Core Curriculum. Participants in this cohort will activate their free membership to NCFDD and meet weekly with their cohort to follow and discuss this curriculum. Each weekly meeting will include a summary of the insights offered for that week of the curriculum, discussion of challenges, and accountability check-ins for motivation and encouragement. This cohort is for those who are willing and able to make a 1-hour weekly commitment to attend and participate in a group for writing success. This workshop is limited to 20 participants. Only those who register for and attend the first meeting of the cohort workshop will be eligible to participate in the weekly sessions. Led by Dr. Lauren Lukkarila. Please [register here](#).

### Academic and Career Advising Opportunities

*Make the most of our new Senior Academic and Career Advisor Ryan Stivers!*

To schedule one-on-one coaching, please log in to [Handshake](#) and schedule an appointment with Ryan Stivers.

To review curated resources for Masters, PhD, and Postdoctoral students, log in to your [OGPS Career Services \(2022 - 2023\) Canvas Course](#).

To review curated job postings and internship opportunities, utilize single sign-on to access listings at [Tulane's Handshake](#) or [GoinGlobal](#)

To get resume writing support, utilize single sign-on to access [VMock](#)

To get support for non-academic career pathways for PhD students, go to [VersatilePhD](#) and follow the instructions.

To get interviewing support, go to [Big Interview](#), click the green register button and use registration code **0699**.

Have additional questions? Reach out to Ryan Stivers, Senior Career and Academic Advisor for OGPS at [rstivers@tulane.edu](mailto:rstivers@tulane.edu)

### Call for Nominations: University Teaching Awards 2022-2023

Every year, Tulane University bestows upon four faculty one of our two most prestigious awards – the [President's Award for Excellence in Graduate & Professional Teaching](#), and the [Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Presidential Fellowship for Undergraduate Education](#). As a member of the Tulane Community, you are uniquely positioned to help choose this year's award winners.

The deadline for nominations for both awards is **Friday, February 10th, 2023**

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Graduate Coordinator for the ConnectU Summer Experience Program

Center for Academic Equity, Temporary Full-Time Staff Member (37.5 hours per week)

Start Date: Friday, June 16, 2023

End Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

This role will be conducted in-person with the exception of a virtual onboarding meeting on Friday, June 16, 2023. This role will require the selected graduate student(s) to live in New Orleans, LA in a residence hall from Tuesday, June 20-Wednesday, August 9, 2023. The graduate student staff selected must be able to work the entire bridge program.

APPLICATION MATERIALS: • The application for this position is due by Friday, February 27, 2023, using the following link: [https://tulane.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3Ua4V8optndz3Ya](https://tulane.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Ua4V8optndz3Ya)

Application materials required: resume, cover letter, and three references

For more information see flyers [here](#) and [here](#).

### Universities Research Association: Paid Graduate Student Fellowship Opportunity for Summer 2023

Applications will be accepted until midnight US Eastern Time January 31, 2023 for summer fellowships at Sandia National Laboratories involving unclassified work in a variety of research and development fields. The fellowships are sponsored by Universities Research Association (URA) and administered through Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). See the full application submission and fellowship information [at our website here](#) under "external opportunities."

Inquiries may be sent to [ura@sandia.gov](mailto:ura@sandia.gov) with subject line "Inquiry: URA-SNL Summer Fellowship"

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### Conference of Southern Graduate Schools

If you are interested in attending the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools conference, held March 2-4, 2023 in Tampa, Florida, please see the registration site [here](#). Please let [Amelia at OGPS](#) know if you are attending, as Tulane may receive registration discounts for multiple attendees.

## REGULAR RESOURCES

The following resources are always available for Tulane students, scholars, and fellows:

[One-on-one Career Counseling and Resume/CV Support](#) - via Ryan Stivers, select Appointment Type -> OGPS

[Pregnancy.tulane.edu](#) - for any parenting situation

[Counseling Services](#)

[Concerns](#) - for any type of concern report, whether for yourself or for another

[Accessibility Services](#)

[Swipe Out Hunger](#) - combatting food insecurity at Tulane

[NCFDD](#) - for faculty, TAs, and future faculty

[Grad/PhD/Postdoc Opportunities](#) (within Tulane and outside)

[Learn More](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OGPS

#### Workshops: Capitalizing on your PhD Series - Resume Writing

**Monday, February 6, 12 - 1 PM (PhD Students)**

[Register here](#)

A single document and six seconds separate you from the job you want. Join this workshop, led by Ryan Stivers, founder of a for-profit career services firm, to hear the secrets behind how resume writing screening works and how to optimize your resume to defeat Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS), get past recruiters, and get an interview with the hiring manager of the job you want.

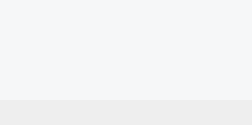
**Special Note: Individuals who attend these workshops will receive priority scheduling for one-on-one sessions with Ryan Stivers in the spring.**

### BMS Workshop: Career Anchors and Peer Coaching - RSVP Needed

**Tues, January 31, 11 AM-12 PM**

This is an interactive workshop. The participants will be paired up and use the biographical interview as a peer-coaching example and identify their career anchors and think about how their values relate to their career choices. [RSVP here](#).

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