



Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Newsletter

October 2021

We are pleased to announce that one of our favorite events, Donut Days, is returning this week after a long hiatus, 9 - 11 AM, Friday, October 29, in Jones Hall 308! About once a month, we offer coffee and donuts (or king cake during Mardi Gras season) for our graduate students and postdocs. This has been a wonderful opportunity for us to meet together and remind ourselves of life outside of our labs or offices or homes; particularly after the past 18 months we hope it will be a welcome return. You can come and hang out over coffee if you would like or just grab a donut on your way to your next commitment.

Around campus, events are being planned and opportunities to come together are happening, both virtually and in-person. During our period of re-emergence, please consider the kinds of events you want to see and get engaged to bring them about. Within your departments you can participate in seminars and organize barbeques, in the broader school you can join student organizations for monthly trivia nights and other social events, and as members of the Tulane community you can come to a Tulane football or volleyball game (especially now that it's cooler out!). Finally, of course, you can join OGPS for donuts this Friday, workshops for academic and career development every week, and the in-person Three Minute Thesis competition on November 16 at 3 PM in the LBC.

Many of these events will need engaged students and fellows to bring them to fruition. If you're asked to help and have the capacity, we encourage you to do so. All of them will benefit from your participation so this is a great opportunity to get out into our community and explore all the things going on.

Sincerely,

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



3 Minute Thesis, Tues, Nov. 16, 3 PM

This year's 3 Minute Thesis competition will be held in the Kendall-Cram Lecture Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 3:00 PM, followed by a reception.

This competition is one of over 900 held worldwide and it showcases the wonderful research done by Tulane graduate students. The university community and general public are invited to attend this event where the participants will compete for a Grand Prize and the People's Choice Award.

Design Thinking Breakfast

"Design Thinking Breakfast" is an informal monthly event which allows a space to build community among those using design, design thinking, and related methods for social impact with some local flavor, particularly from the greater New Orleans area and the Gulf South. You can read more about it [here](#) and this month's breakfast will be held virtually on Friday, November 5th, 9:30 - 10:10 AM. Register [here](#).

Library Workshops this Fall

The library will be offering workshops this fall across a number of subjects, including archives, data management, research skills, and networking and collaboration. Many of these workshops will be featured in our upcoming events, but we encourage you to take a look at the [full list](#). All events will be conducted via Zoom and will require registration.

Trunk or Treat Halloween Event

The Well for Health Promotion and Tulane EMS are hosting "Trunk or Treat" for students and their families on Thursday, October 28 at 6 pm. This event is family friendly. Please see [this flyer](#) for more details.

Career Resources

- For grad students and postdocs that OGPS serves, please use the [OGPS Career Support Canvas course](#) to sign up for individual career advising appointments, view the calendar of weekly workshops, and access to an extensive online resource library.
- The [Carpe Careers column](#) in *Inside Higher Ed* is a weekly career advice column for graduate students and postdocs. Jovana Milosavljevic Ardelja's recent article, "[Navigating Graduate School: It's All About the Process](#)" is especially helpful for graduate students, no matter where they are in their program of study.
- [InterSect Job Simulations](#) is an online platform that allows PhD-level scientists and humanists, regardless of professional stage, to explore future life options. Their goal is to provide true-to-life job simulation exercises. In addition, [ImaginePhD.com](#) is an excellent careers exploration and planning resource for PhD students in the humanities and social sciences

OPPORTUNITIES

Postdoctoral Fellow Conference Support

OGPS offers a limited number of non-competitive awards to postdoctoral fellows who will be presenting their research at conferences. The deadline for spring funding is November 15. For more information and to apply, please see our [website](#).

Webpage for Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Opportunities

OGPS is notified periodically of opportunities for Tulane graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. These can range from part time work-study jobs to assistantships, to full time employment opportunities after graduation. Please check our [webpage](#) frequently as we will try to update this page when we learn of new openings.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Break - Mon. Nov 22 - Sun. Nov 28

Please be aware that the university's calendar has changed for Fall 2021 due to the disruption of Hurricane Ida. This has impacted many deadlines as well as the end date of the semester. The calendar can be accessed on the [Registrar's website](#).

Understanding the Basic Principles of Academic Research Writing (Part 2), Wed, Oct 27, 6 PM

Part 2 of a 3-part workshop series. The focus will be on understanding how persuasive research arguments are created through the integration and weaving together of information and ideas from many different sources and the importance of representing borrowed information without plagiarizing. Led by Dr. Lauren Lukkarila. Register through the [OGPS Academic Support 2021 - 2022](#) Canvas course.

Informational Interviewing and Networking (Part 1) - Thurs, Oct 28, 9 AM

A strong and dynamic community is necessary to both start and sustain a career. Guidance will be provided about the specifics of how to network, with whom, and how to address worries and cringey feelings. Participants will leave with homework to complete prior to Part 2. Led by Briana Mohan. Register through the [OGPS Career Support 2021 - 2022](#) Canvas course.

Fall 2021 OGPS Academic and Career Support Workshop Calendar

For PhD students, research-based masters students, and postdoctoral fellows. Register through the relevant Canvas course.