



September 2022

Dear Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows,

As we write to you, the weather has finally shifted from our interminable summer into a refreshing, breezy fall. We in OGPS are finding ourselves newly invigorated, engaged, and excited to work with students and colleagues across the university.

An exciting and hopeful element of this fall is our return to more routine programming, targeted to various members of our community. With Rebecca Solch, a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Neurology, we are working to establish our first chapter of the National Postdoctoral Association at Tulane University. We plan to have a combination of social and professional events over the course of the academic year. If you are interested in helping facilitate those events or becoming an active member of the NPA chapter, please reach out to us [here](#).

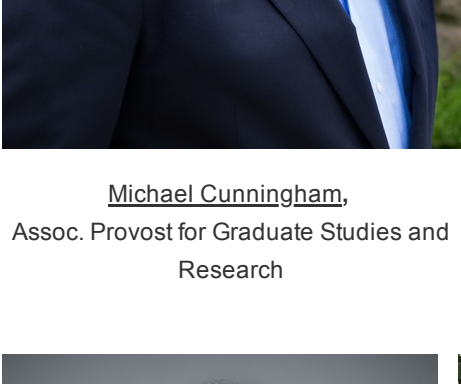
Graduate students have two different organizations of their own, the Graduate Studies Student Association which represents students in the School of Liberal Arts and the School of Science and Engineering, and the Biomedical Sciences Student Association which represents students in the School of Medicine – Biomedical Sciences Program. GSSA has a Fall Mixer planned for October 7 as well as the first of the fall's Wellness Workshops on October 14. They are also bringing back their popular trivia nights later in October and November. BMSSA has hosted welcome events this fall and has an upcoming Halloween Costume and Cookie Decorating Competition. Students who are interested in those events are encouraged to reach out to their departmental representatives if they're in GSSA or the BMSSA leadership.

One last opportunity for students to get involved are Interdivisional Graduate Diversity Organizations (IGDOs). IGDOs present an opportunity for students to connect across schools and disciplines with other like-minded students. Some prominent organizations are Tulane Graduate Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), South Asian Graduate Association (SAGA), TU African Student Association, and Tulane University Black Excellence (BE). More information can be found about all these groups and more in [WaveSync](#).

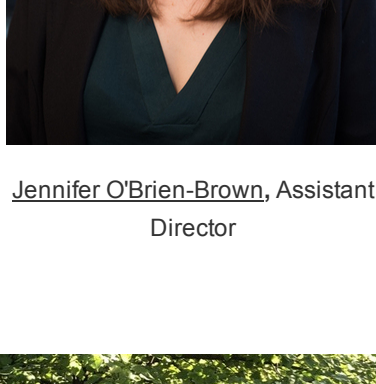
There's a wide range of ways to reach out and we hope that something will pique your interest and help you connect to the Tulane community at large.

Sincerely,

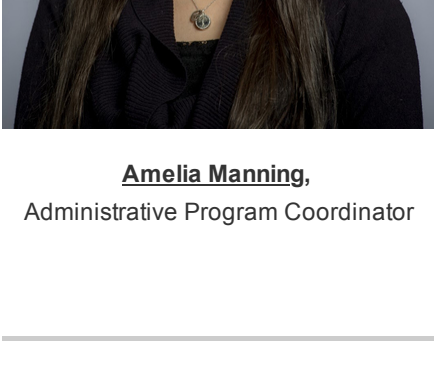
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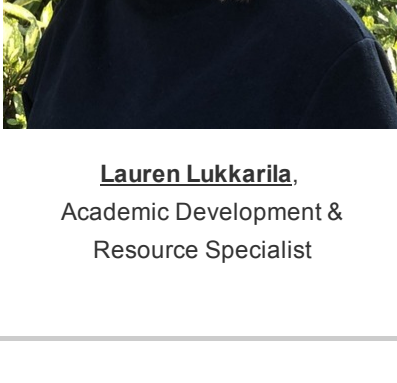
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Three Minute Thesis - Still Accepting Participants!

Advanced PhD students: Win fame and glory by participating in the Three Minute Thesis Competition on November 15! This is an excellent opportunity for you to hone your presentation skills and learn to speak fluently about your research to a wide audience. We have extended the deadline to register through this weekend - please contact [OGPS](#) by **October 2** to express interest. For more information, please visit [here](#).

All students, postdocs, faculty, and staff: Please save the date for the Tulane Three Minute Thesis competition on November 15 at 3 pm! We would love to see you come out to support your colleagues and enjoy a light reception in their honor. For more information, please visit [here](#).

## Three Minute Thesis Competition

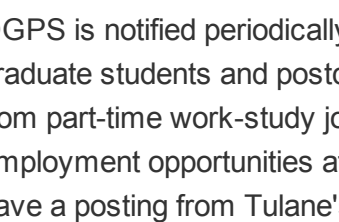
### Calling for PhD students to participate!

#### Benefits of participation:

- Share your research with friends, family, colleagues
- Grand Prize winner presents at CSGS Conference
- Financial Prizes for winners
- Networking Opportunities
- Add participation to your resume
- Talk about your research in an accessible setting

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 3 PM**

**Kendall-Cram Lecture Hall, LBC**



Email  
[ogps@tulane.edu](mailto:ogps@tulane.edu) to participate

## Hurricane Preparedness

Be prepared for hurricane season! All students and postdocs should have received a mailer with helpful information about emergency prep. Click [here](#) to view and download a copy of the flyer. Please make a note of the many sources of information for disasters and be sure to develop your personal evacuation plan.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### 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. This month, we have a posting from Tulane's University Communications Department, among others. Please check our [webpage](#) frequently as we will try to update this page when we learn of new openings.

This month, there are positions available for multiple graduate assistants in the Center for Public Service and a research assistant position in the Newcomb Art Museum.

## UCLA SynCS Opportunity

UCLA SYNCS is now accepting applications for our extramural neuroscience postdoctoral seminar series. This is a great opportunity for postdoctoral postdocs to share their exciting scientific work as well as their efforts to create a more supportive scientific community. All travel expenses and an honorarium will be provided to selected speakers. Applications are available [here](#) and are due **October 3, 2022**. Please direct any questions to [uclasyns@gmail.com](mailto:uclasyns@gmail.com).

## 2022-2023 UCLA SYNCS Seminars by Young Neuroscience Citizen Scholars

The inaugural SYNCS lecture series will welcome six extramural postdocs to UCLA to share their cutting-edge scientific work, as well as their efforts to foster a more collaborative, connected, and inclusive community. All trip expenses plus an honorarium will be covered.

Seminars will take place in-person\* one Friday per month from Nov 2022-May 2023 at 3:30pm PT. \*Accommodations can be made for a virtual format

**UCLA Brain Research Institute**

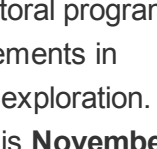
Hosted at the University of California, Los Angeles  
Funded by the UCLA Brain Research Institute  
SYNCS are organized, reviewed, and selected by UCLA postdocs.

### Applications Due October 3, 2022

#### Application Components

1. Research Abstract
2. Scientific Vision/Citizenship Statements
3. Curriculum Vitae

#### Application Form



Application Inquiries:  
[UCLASYNCS@gmail.com](mailto:UCLASYNCS@gmail.com)

## Mentoring Up: Resources for Success in Research Integrity

### Virtual Conference | October 26 – 27, 2022

Supportive mentoring is critical in ensuring a positive climate which fosters diversity, integrity, and robust research. We invite you to participate in a free two-day virtual conference providing insights into beneficial mentoring to support the needs of mentors, mentees, and research institutions.

This free conference is open to all individuals involved in research at higher education institutions. It is targeted to faculty, research integrity practitioners, administrators, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars. To learn more about the conference and register, please visit [here](#).

## Opportunities from the ORAU Research and University Partnerships Office

### NASA Postdoctoral Program Seeks Early Career and Senior Scientists for Prestigious Fellowships at Its Locations Across the U.S.

Both early-career and senior scientists are invited to explore fellowship opportunities in the NASA postdoctoral program and share in NASA's mission to develop advancements in science, technology, aeronautics, and space exploration. The deadline to apply for this cycle of fellowships is **November 1, 2022**. Learn more and apply at <https://npp.orau.org>. If you have any questions, please email [npp@orau.org](mailto:npp@orau.org).

### Applications Being Accepted for The University of Tennessee – Oak Ridge Innovation Institute (UT-ORII) Education Director

The University of Tennessee – Oak Ridge Innovation institute (UT-ORII) was founded in 2019 by the University of Tennessee (UT) and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) to help the US maintain prominence as a global leader in innovation and discovery, and to create a robust talent pipeline in areas of growing national need and demand. UT-ORII is funded by the Department of Energy and the State of Tennessee.

Apply online at <https://apply.interfolio.com/106260>.

## Conference of Southern Graduate Schools Accepting Award Nominations

At the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools annual meeting, they will again recognize several outstanding students and colleagues.

CSGS is accepting nominations for faculty who have made important contributions to graduate studies through mentoring or other activities. The organization also has an Outstanding Master's Thesis Award which will be presented in three categories: Humanities and Fine Arts; Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering; and Non-traditional Thesis/Project.

You can find detailed information about each award — including eligibility, nomination materials, the selection process, and prizes — on the [CSGS Awards webpage](#). Applications are submitted by institutions, so if you would like to nominate a faculty member or a master's thesis, please email [ogps@tulane.edu](mailto:ogps@tulane.edu).

## REGULAR RESOURCES

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

[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

### Creating Flow in your Scholarly Writing

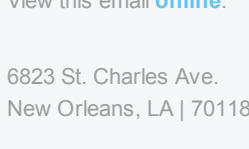
Monday, October 17, 4-5:15 PM

Are you looking for ways to improve your writing and communicate more effectively with an academic audience? In this workshop, we will discuss the importance of flow in scholarly writing and how you can improve the flow of your writing. We will examine techniques published academic writers use to create cohesion and coherence, which ultimately creates the kind of flow that your academic readers expect.

Led by Dr. Lauren Lukkarila.

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