Graduate School Information Session

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY



Agenda

- Introductions and tips
- Welcome
- Funding and scholarships
- Graduate ambassador discussion panel
- Admissions and breakout sessions (link in chat)

Funding and scholarships

Jeff Pruchnic, Ph.D.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Wayne State University Graduate School Associate Professor, Department of English

Funding your graduate degree

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Graduate School and departmental funding

- Assistantships Mostly Ph.D. students
- Fellowships Ph.D. students
- Scholarships Master's and Ph.D. students

Types of assistantships

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs)

GTAs may be assigned teaching duties, including grading, in undergraduate-level courses or related laboratories or discussion sections, and may serve as instructors of record for undergraduate courses.

Graduate Student Assistants (GSAs)

GSAs may be assigned non-teaching or non-research duties for the primary benefit of the university or granting agency under the supervision of a university faculty member or administrator. Specific duties vary widely, depending on the administrative or academic unit to which they are assigned.

Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs)

GRAs are typically doctoral students assigned research or academic duties to assist faculty members in their collaborative scholarly and/or creative activities leading to the student's degree.

Departmental assistantships and fellowships

- About 650 current students fully funded in Graduate Teaching Assistant, Graduate Research Assistant, and Graduate Student Assistant positions (not counting grant-funded positions).
- Benefits include a stipend, tuition coverage, and subsidized health insurance.
- Check department/program web pages for application information and criteria.

Graduate School scholarships and fellowships

Visit: gradschool.wayne.edu/students/funding

- Selected by departmental nomination (for new graduate students).
- Around 200 scholarships yearly that cover full-time tuition costs.
- Another 200 scholarships providing partial tuition.
- Additional funding opportunities for conference travel and (for Ph.D. students) summer dissertation support.

Private scholarship and funding resources

- SallieMae <u>Graduate School Scholarship Search</u>
- Unigo <u>Scholarships for Graduate Students</u>
- Scholarship America
- GoGrad (Scholarships)
- MPower Financing (Loans)
- IEFA (Scholarships/Loans)
- International Student Loan (Loans)
- EduPass (Scholarships)
- Prodigy Finance (Loans)
- **ELM Select** (clearinghouse of loan providers)

Other funding resources

WSU "Scholarship Universe"

- An online clearinghouse of awards available through WSU schools and colleges.
- Scholarship amounts vary.

Federal Student Aid and FAFSA

Financial Aid request for information form

Final tips

- Get started right away
- File your FAFSA
- Talk to your advisor/graduate program director and ask about funding
- Start exploring the WSU Scholarship opportunities database as soon as you are admitted
- Invest some time in searching for private scholarships
- Apply for everything you think might be a fit!

Welcome

Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Ph.D.

Dean, Wayne State University Graduate School

Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Former Chair, Medicinal Chemistry Division, American Chemical Society

Shannon Costello

M.S. student Medical physics

- Colorectal cancer survivor who went on to pursue medicine to inform and mitigate risk of CRC.
- Mother of two heavily involved in prevention community. Has advocated for cancer research funding on Capitol Hill.
- Aspires to become a board-certified medical physicist.



Cyril Davis

D.N.P. student Nursing

- 15 years in law enforcement. Retired from the Department of Homeland Security after a traumatic brain injury.
- Extensive rehabilitation inspired him to become a nurse.
- Now on track to graduate in 2025 and become a nurse practitioner specializing in psychiatric mental health.



Gelareh Raoufi

Ph.D. student Learning design & technology

- Received her Bachelor's degree in Fabrics and Fashion Design from Azad University in Tehran, Iran.
- Former fashion designer and publisher.
- Studies trends and issues in computer science education.
 Conducting research on AI in health education.



Christen Zimecki, Ph.D.

Pathway-to-Faculty Fellow Philosophy

- Native Detroiter. Princeton University graduate.
- Studies the role of greed in ancient Greek thought, and what it tells us about modern perceptions of justice, particularly, the historical reception of Black American protesters in the U.S.



Erome Hankore, Ph.D.

Pathway-to-Faculty Fellow Chemistry

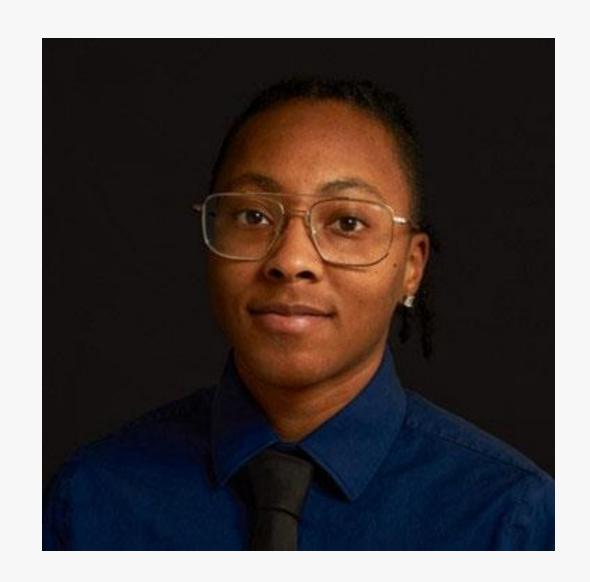
- Studies kinase dynamics, focuses on engineering biocatalysts to synthesize compounds with potential applications in drug development and the production of value-added industrial chemicals.
- Aims to create innovative methods for synthesizing pharmaceutical compounds, industrial chemicals, ultimately contributing to healthcare and sustainable industrial processes.



Anthony Robinson, Ph.D.

Pathway-to-Faculty Fellow Psychology

- Studies the advancement of psychological and neuropsychological assessment to improve patient outcomes and reduce healthcare burden and costs.
- Collaborates with researchers at the Institute of Gerontology (IOG), Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research on the neuropsychological assessment of Black older adults in Detroit.



Graduate ambassador panel



Justin Curry Urban planning



Evin Donaldson Law



Arifur Rahman
Pharmaceutical sciences



Himanshu Yadav Chemistry



Robert Alexander-Jordan Educational leadership & policy studies

Thank you

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BREAKOUT SESSION

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