OPPORTUNITY IS WAITING FOR YOU IN DETROIT

Graduate School Orientation
11 S/Cs in 247 graduate programs with 8,014 students

- 75 Doctoral programs: 1,703 students
- 128 Master’s programs: 6,207 students
- 44 Graduate Certificates: 104 students
- 115 Postdoctoral Scholars
- 893 Graduate Faculty
PhD Process Overview

The Graduate School oversees the Ph.D. process from admission to completion. Below is a stepwise path to your Ph.D. completion that include:

– Departmental orientation and advising
– Annual Individual Development Plan (IDP) available March 1
– Annual review
– Responsible Conduct for Research
– Plan of Work submission prior to completing 40 credits of coursework
– Qualifying examination/oral examination
– Candidacy and dissertation registration
– Dissertation prospectus and advisory committee
– Dissertation defense

• The PhD is expected to be completed within 7 years. Under extenuating circumstances, time exceptions may be granted. Please check the Graduate School website for timelines requesting extensions. https://gradschool.wayne.edu/phd/time-extension
• For more information on the Ph.D. process, including requirements, policies and procedures, guidelines and forms for completing a Ph.D. program visit https://gradschool.wayne.edu/phd/process
• For Ph.D. forms, visit https://gradschool.wayne.edu/phd/forms.
• Graduate School email: gradschool@wayne.edu
Funding

• The Graduate School provides more than $20 million a year in student support to help graduate students fund their education.

• Financial support can come in many forms and from various channels—individual departments within the university, merit-based scholarships, fellowships, need-based financial aid and an array of external sources. Be sure to check with your department for specific application information and unique opportunities in your field. Eligibility, enrollment and application requirements vary.

• For more information, visit https://gradschool.wayne.edu/funding
Responsible Conduct for Research

- Training in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) practices is a MANDATORY requirement for all first year PhD students.

- PhD students must enroll in the RCR training course, GS 0900 titled, "Essential Research Practices: Responsible Conduct of Research" in either the Fall or Winter terms (Check with your Graduate Officer to see which term is best for you)

- All PhD scholars are required to attend a day-long Saturday workshop during the term they register for course*
  - Fall 2017 Term – Workshop is on Saturday, September 9th
  - Winter 2018 Term – Workshop is on Saturday, January 20th
  - * Alternative workshop scheduled for students who cannot attend due to Religious Conflicts with attending a Saturday Workshop

- There is an online course required before you can take the Saturday Workshop.

- More information is available at https://gradschool.wayne.edu/postdoc/research-conduct
Individual Development Plan

- Individual Development Plans (IDPs) are documents designed to support doctoral students and postdoctoral trainees in their professional development. The IDP provides a structure to identify concrete steps towards long-term goals and a framework for constructive conversation between students and their mentors/advisors.

- An annual IDP is a MANDATORY requirement for ALL doctoral students and postdoctoral trainees regardless of funding status.

- IDP’s must be submitted by the end of the first year and updated annually.

- The deadline for PhD students is May 15th of each year.

- For more information on how to complete your IDP, visit https://gradschool.wayne.edu/phd/idp
Graduate and Postdoctoral Professional Development Series

• The Graduate School promotes exploration in a variety of careers and provides a range of professional development opportunities for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars as they prepare for these careers and goals.

• Our Graduate and Postdoctoral Professional Development (GPPD) seminar series covers a range of topics that are of interest to trainees including abstract writing, job search skills, poster presentation skills, and career opportunities. This annual series is organized by nationally recognized core competencies.

• For more information, visit: https://gradschool.wayne.edu/professional-development
Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training (BEST)

• The Wayne State University BEST program is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to provide doctoral students, postdoctoral scientists and faculty with information on exploring multiple career pathways in areas such as:
  – science writing and communication
  – biotech and pharmaceutical industries
  – state and federal government
  – regulatory science
  – research administration
  – public policy
  – undergraduate college teaching
  – law

• Our 3-phase approach provides participants with training that focuses on how their scientific skills, problem-solving abilities and analytical skills are transferrable to other domains. Training includes information sessions, hands-on workshops and immersive learning experiences.

• Visit https://gradschool.wayne.edu/best/about for more information
Micro-Credentialing Program

• The Graduate School has identified five core competency areas that are critical to successful degree completion, scholarly and creative contributions and leadership roles across diverse career paths:

  • A micro-credential, also called a digital badge, is a tool for showcasing the skills and experience that may not be readily apparent by reading an academic transcript, resume or CV. These badges are shareable via social media or professional websites to demonstrate skills and experience to prospective employers, colleagues and peers.

  • Micro-credentials in each of the areas above are issued to graduate students and postdoctoral scholars who participate in various professional development seminars, workshops and activities, and demonstrate mastery of skills within each category as evaluated by expert faculty and facilitators. For more information visit https://gradschool.wayne.edu/professional-development/micro-credentials
Graduate Data Dashboard

What do our PhD graduates do after completion?

The Graduate School data dashboard shows the detailed career pathways of our Ph.D. alumni from the past 15 years.

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For more information, visit https://gradschool.wayne.edu/dashboard