Advising & Mentoring
Do You Have Issues With:
- University/School policies?
- The grade appeal process?
- Advisors/Faculty?
- Resolving conflicts?

Reach out to Ombuds

Unsure if we can help? Reach out anyway.

Use your Ombudsperson
- Talk to a caring person
- Helps YOU resolve school issues
- Confidential (except by law or policy)
- Sooner contact = More effective help

Specialist in each school

pi.tt/ombuds
ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Writing
• Writing Center writingcenter.pitt.edu
• Writing Institute Project Camp
• Dissertation Boot Camp
• Writing Tutors
• National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development academic-support/ncfdd

English Language Support
• English Language Institute eli.pitt.edu

Statistics Consulting
• Department of Statistics statistics-consulting-center

Research
• University Library System library.pitt.edu

School-based Tutoring and Support
Educational Opportunities across Pitt

• Library Workshops at pitt.libcal.com/calendar
• Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops teaching.pitt.edu
• Center for Creativity creative.pitt.edu
• Open Lab and Maker Spaces library.pitt.edu/services
• Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workshops calendar.pitt.edu
• Racial Equity Consciousness Institute crsp.pitt.edu/reci
• Add-on Certificate Programs at academics.pitt.edu
• Lectures and Workshops at calendar.pitt.edu
Funding

- Fellowship and Scholarship Support
- PittFundsMe
- Emergency Fund

gradstudies.pitt.edu/funding
PittFund$Me

• PittFund$Me connects students with real, relevant scholarships.

• Current students and new incoming students who have committed to Pitt have access to Pitt’s searchable scholarship database, PittFund$Me.

• Log into my.pitt.edu and click on the PittFund$Me link to access the tool. Respond to questions in PittFund$Me to discover what you are eligible to apply for and unlock your scholarship matches!
Fellowship Opportunities Website
gradstudies.pitt.edu/fellowship-opportunities

• We encourage students to apply for fellowships and grants available internally from Pitt, as well as from national, international, industrial or foundation sources.

• The Fellowship Opportunities webpage provides a list of some of the major national and internal fellowships available for graduate study.

• For questions or assistance regarding fellowships contact VPGodley@pitt.edu.
Fellowships Run Internally at Pitt

• Some prestigious national fellowships require students to apply through the University rather than directly. These fellowships are facilitated through the Graduate Studies Office:
  • Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund Fellowship
  • Howard Hughes Medical Institute’s Gilliam Fellowships for Advanced Study
  • Google PhD Fellowship Program
  • IBM PhD Fellowship Award Program
• In recent years Pitt graduate students have been awarded the Liebmann and the Gilliam fellowship, including two new Gilliam fellows awarded this year!

Graduate Honors Convocation 2023
Fellowship Application Assistance

• The David C. Frederick Honors College offers graduate students general assistance preparing fellowship and grant applications.
  • Fulbright, NSF-GRFP, Gilliam, Boren

• For assistance, contact:
  • Lesha Greene
    Director of National Scholarships and Post-Graduation Success
    leg78@pitt.edu
Graduate Student Appointments
gradstudies.pitt.edu/about/guidelines-policies-resources

• Teaching Assistants/Teaching Fellows
  Assist faculty in teaching classes, recitations or labs.

• Graduate Student Assistants
  Assist in educational or research mission of the university but do not teach.

• Graduate Student Researcher
  Receive funding from external/internal funds while working full time towards degree.

• Predoctoral Fellows and Trainees
  Receive funding via internal or external fellowships/grants.

For questions regarding appointments or policies please contact VPGodley@pitt.edu
Student Emergency Fund

The Student Emergency Assistance Fund is available to undergraduate, graduate and professional students who are experiencing a financial barrier based on an emergency situation and when they have exhausted all other available resources.

See the website for eligibility details.
Professional Development

- Grad Career Foundations
- Career Exploration and Support
- Teaching
- Research
- Workshops and Events

gradstudies.pitt.edu/professional-development
Professional Development

Dr. Treviene Harris
Graduate Career and Professional Development Manager, Graduate Studies
Professional Development Support at Pitt

- Pitt Career Center
- Health Sciences, Office of Academic and Career Development
- Office of the Provost – Graduate Studies
- Schools
- Departments
Professional Development Support at Pitt

Pitt Career Center
- Drop-in Hours
- Resume & Cover Letter Review
- Interview Resources

Health Sciences, OACD
- Professional Development Workshops
- Certifications
- Symposia
- Themed Webinars

Schools and Departments
- Teaching Support
- Career Advising
Graduate Professional Development
New This Fall!

• The Graduate Career Foundations – Professional Competencies
  Online Learning Platform

• Interstride – International Student Career Support Services & Global Career Exploration
Graduate Professional Development
Graduate Career Foundations

- Research & Analytical Thinking
- Communication & Networking
- Leadership & Management
- Teaching
- Self-Exploration & Personal Development
- Cultural Awareness
Why is this important?

• Prospective students increasingly choose graduate programs based in part on career preparation and outcomes.

• More doctoral students are pursuing careers outside of academia.

• Employers value and expect professional competencies beyond academic knowledge.
Graduate Professional Development
Graduate Professional Development

Career Design Workshop Series
Synchronous & In-person eight-week session

“I really enjoyed doing the assessments at the beginning of the workshops, they provided me with some much-needed clarity.”

“Concrete guidelines and resources provided alongside building Resume/CV was extremely helpful. LinkedIn workshop was of great help.”
Graduate Professional Development

Academic and Non-Academic Career Exploration Resources

- Aurora, Beyond the Professoriate
- Coursera
- Imagine PhD
- Interstride
- LinkedIn Learning
- My IDP
- Versatile PhD
Professional Development Support

• OTP – Graduate Studies
  gradstudies.pitt.edu/professional-development

• Pitt Career Center careercentral.pitt.edu

• Office of Academic Career Development (OACD), Health Sciences oacd.health.pitt.edu

• Teaching Support teaching.pitt.edu
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Who is GPSG?

• Student government for **ALL** Graduate and Professional students at the University of Pittsburgh!

• We administer half of the graduate student activity fee to provide services and event programming to all graduate and professional students.
Represent all graduate and professional students

Graduate & Professional Schools
- GSPIA
- Computing and Information
- Biomedical
- Education
- Health and Rehab Science
- Dental Medicine
- Nursing
- Social Work
- Medicine
- Public Health
- Engineering
- Business
- Pharmacy
- Law
- Arts and Sciences

Cultural GSA
- PANAF
- GOSECA
- LAGOS
- ANKUR
- CSSA

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What is our mission?

• Improve communication between graduate students and the University
• Represent graduate students on University-wide committees
• Advocate for graduate students at the University, State, and National level
• Provide services to graduate students
Services we provide

- Social Events
- Travel Grants
- Advocacy Grants
- Supplemental Funding
- FREE Legal Services
- Opportunities to serve on University-wide committees
See us again!

• Pirates Game: End of September  
  • Details to come!
• First AB Meeting:  
  • September  
  • More details will be sent out on social media/emails
Stay connected!

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Website: pittgpsg.com
Welcome to Pitt!