GRADUATE STUDIES
IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The Ohio State University
Session Overview

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WHO WE ARE

The College of Arts and Sciences is often called the academic hub of Ohio State. This isn’t just because of our size – it’s because this is where we combine different perspectives and expertise to better investigate critical problems, engage the community and deliver an exceptional education.
WITH 38 DEPARTMENTS AND SCHOOLS AND MORE THAN 20 RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES, OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO SUPPORT AND ADVANCE YOUR RESEARCH AGENDA, CREATIVE ENDEAVOR AND SCHOLARSHIP.

MORE THAN 200 PROFESSORS ELECTED AS FELLOWS IN THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

OHIO STATE’S COLUMBUS CAMPUS SITS WITHIN THE NATION’S 14TH LARGEST CITY

OHIO STATE LIBRARIES ARE RANKED AMONG THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY, 14TH NATIONALLY AND 5TH AMONG PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

OHIO STATE RANKS AMONG THE TOP 10 PUBLIC RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

OHIO STATE HAS THE 6TH LARGEST ENDOWMENT AMONG PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

OHIO STATE’S 13,000 GRADUATE STUDENTS REPRESENT MORE THAN 100 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD
ON CAMPUS:

3 Divisions
- Arts and Humanities
- Natural and Mathematical Sciences
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

38 Departments and Schools
20+ Centers and Institutes
50+ Graduate Programs

Arts and Sciences delivers 49% of all credit hours on campus, undergraduate and graduate

GRADS:

Number of ASC graduate students: 2,285

Female: 49%
Male: 51%
Underrepresented minorities: 16%
In State: 20%
Out of State: 50%
International: 30%
FACULTY

Faculty Members: 1,331
- Female: 569 (43%)
- Male: 762 (57%)
- Tenure-track: 858

Recognition:
- Distinguished University Professors: 39
- Academy of Teaching & Alumni Awards for Distinguished Teaching: 275
- Distinguished Scholar Awards: 162
- President and Provost’s Awards for Distinguished Faculty Service: 45
- Provost’s Awards for Teaching by a Lecturer: 20
- University Distinguished Lecturers: 21
- Guggenheim Fellows: 40
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellows: 126
- National Academy of Sciences Members: 9
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences Members: 26
FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS

HOLLY NYSETH BREHM
Assistant Professor of Sociology
Brehm’s research focuses on the fundamental questions of why and how atrocities occur and who commits them as well as the process of transitional justice after atrocities, including how societies rebuild.

KEVIN MCCLATCHY
Associate Professor, Theatre
A working actor for more than twenty years in theatre, film and television, McClatchy’s research interests include acting technique, the use of Laban Movement Analysis for film and television acting and Irish theatre.

WENDY SMOOTH
Associate Professor
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Smooth’s research focuses on women’s experiences in political institutions and on the impact of public policies on women’s lives.
PIONEERING RESEARCH

As a top public research university, the importance of research, scholarship and the drive to discover new knowledge is infused into every part of Ohio State’s culture.

The College of Arts and Sciences is home to leading experts on climate change, energy and the environment, “smart” materials, population dynamics, socioeconomics, international relations, national security, data analytics, neuroscience and biomedical research.

Our artists and scholars educate, inform and inspire innovative thinking and experimentation through collaborative academic and research experiences.

What this means for you is unmatched access to world-class faculty, technology and resources; opportunities to work across disciplines and forge connections with researchers at other institutions; and the support necessary to succeed in a program tailored to meet your goals.

I chose Ohio State because I was impressed by its intense yet friendly research atmosphere, as well as the high exposure that students have to cutting-edge research right from the start.

—Andreas Berlind, PhD, Astronomy Associate Professor, Vanderbilt
FACULTY & RESEARCH

Total Awards: 740 for $119,018,552 (FY20)

- NSF: $40,657,670 (34%)
- NIH: $33,758,309 (28%)
- Other Fed.: $37,541,265 (32%)
- Industry: $1,910,874 (2%)
- Non-profit: $4,835,043 (4%)
- State of Ohio: $263,079 (<1%)
STATE-OF-THE-ART SPACES

Ongoing new construction, along with renovation and upgrades to existing facilities, enables our scholars, scientists and artists and their students to learn and perform at the highest levels. From the renovated Sullivant Hall’s ultra-modern performance spaces, including dance studios and flexible, black-box theater; to the dome-to-floor facelift of the planetarium and a new chemistry and engineering building that expands the concept of a research facility for collaborative work, our spaces are both state-of-the-art and user-friendly.

BYRD POLAR CLIMATE RESEARCH CENTER: an international leader in polar and alpine research housing the second largest collection of ice cores in the world

ADVANCED COMPUTING CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND DESIGN: a collaborative laboratory integrating emerging arts technologies

CENTER FOR COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL BRAIN IMAGING: an interdisciplinary research facility equipped with a Siemens 3T Trio functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) system and ancillary equipment

SCARLET LASER LAB: the nation’s most powerful university-based laser, which concentrates more than 400 trillion watts into a fraction of a second

CENTER FOR APPLIED PLANT SCIENCES: a team-based research facility for translating basic biological concepts into applications that revolutionize plant sciences locally, nationally and globally

ARTS DISTRICT: encompassing areas of campus between 15th and 18th Avenues and providing high-quality, modern learning environments for interaction across arts disciplines

CENTER FOR LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES: working collaboratively with scholars and experts from across the university and providing access to global media and training through the World Media and Culture Center
MENTORING & PROFESSIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Our graduate students go on to develop successful careers in and out of academia. We are committed to providing the right tools to build a strong intellectual and professional foundation for gainful employment after you complete your graduate work.

Key to our students’ success is the strong connection they build with their academic mentors. Faculty members will work with you to find the right mentor who aligns with your interests and goals and who will help to ensure that you are prepared to take the next steps in your career.

The College of Arts and Sciences provides membership for graduate students in the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, an independent professional development, training and mentoring community of more than 40,000 graduate students, postdocs and faculty members.

Ohio State also offers career development and placement support. The Graduate School coordinates several programs, including the Preparing Future Faculty Program, which pairs graduate students with mentors at partnering institutions throughout Ohio, as well as access to The Versatile PhD, an online community for graduate students interested in exploring nonacademic careers.

In the College of Arts and Sciences, our Center for Career and Professional Success can provide personal consultations, and many of our departments and centers provide mentoring and professional development opportunities. For example, the Center for Humanities in Practice (ChiP) promotes career diversity, enabling graduate students to put their skills and interests to work inside and outside academia.

“The teaching and training environment for students here is just phenomenal. Creating an environment where they’re motivated and they’re motivating each other and helping to provide these kinds of interactions is the most satisfying part of my job.”

Karin Musier-Forsyth, Ohio Eminent Scholar and Professor, Biochemistry
A DIVERSE & WELCOMING COMMUNITY

There is no such thing as a typical arts and sciences graduate student. The college's 3,000 students represent a wide variety of ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds from countries around the world.

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We value the sense of community in our college. An important aspect of our community is its diversity, represented by the myriad ways in which we differ — our intellectual and disciplinary frames, racial and ethnic backgrounds, gender identities and identifications, sexual orientations, socioeconomic backgrounds, disabilities, ages, faiths, cultural and social contexts, learning styles, talents and challenges. The richness of our community is, indeed, enhanced by our diversity.

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THE ARTS AND SCIENCES COMMITMENT TO UNDERREPRESENTED GRADUATE STUDENTS INCLUDES:

Travel awards to attend conferences such as SACNAS, ABRCMS and SREB.

Membership in the National GEM Consortium, which offers graduate STEM fellowship programs. All applicants in the GEM database are also eligible for the Discovery Scholars Program.

Participation in NSF programs — ADVANCE, AGEP, LSAMP, RDE; and National Institutes of Health programs — T32, NIGMS.

Participation in the following application fee waivers programs: FreeApp through the BTAA Program, the McNair Scholars and the Summer Research Opportunities Program.

Participation in the Graduate/Professional Student Recruitment Initiative diversity recruitment program through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Competitive funding for graduate fellowships through the Dean's Graduate Enrichment Fellowship Program.

Ohio State's size provides me with more choices to interact with different and exciting people. I joined the Graduate Association of Latino/a/Latin-American Students, and this group has become my home away from home.

— Validy Matos, MA, PhD candidate, Political Science
EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS

Find which of our 50+ graduate programs are the best fit for you and your future

https://artsandsciences.osu.edu/

• Click “Academics”
• Click “Graduate” tab
• Explore degrees offered; some programs offer masters options, most are PhD.

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College of Arts and Sciences
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Have you done your research?

- Does Ohio State offer your specialization?
- Is your specialization offered in more than one program?
- What faculty members are involved in your area of specialization?
- What are the departmental admissions criteria?

Start here:

- Publications and websites (gpadmissions.osu.edu)
- Program curriculum
- Departmental financial aid opportunities
- Rankings
Criteria for Evaluating Graduate Programs

- Programs offered
- Faculty
- Philosophy of education
- Reputation
- Multicultural opportunities
- Library
- Physical facilities
- Cost
- Size
- Career assistance
- Networking contacts
- Geographic location (weather and political/social climate)
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Application Process

1. A baccalaureate or professional degree from an accredited institution
2. A minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) for grad
3. Prerequisite training that will enable you to pursue your program
4. GRE (or other test score) if:
   1. Required by your program
   2. Your undergraduate or graduate GPA is below 3.0
5. Proof of English language proficiency for international applicants
Application Process

- Apply through Graduate and Professional Admissions Office
- Fellowship deadline: December 1 or earlier!
- Check gpadmissions.osu.edu for program deadlines
- Confirm receipt of materials
- Check status
- Rolling admissions: When the seats are filled, admissions are closed
Application Process

Once your application is complete:

• Files are prepared for review by administrative personnel
  - Some play a role in initial screening

• Files are always reviewed by the program and in most cases directly by faculty

• Files are reviewed in one of several ways, for example:
  - At a meeting on a specific date
  - By a professor who shares your research expertise
  - By the Graduate Studies Committee Chair
Application Process

Reviewed by Graduate and Professional Admissions

- Application
- Scan of official transcripts from all universities
- Official TOEFL and/or GRE scores

Reviewed by your program

- Statement of purpose
- Three letters of reference
- Curriculum vitae
- Other program requirement: supplemental application, portfolio, audition, etc.
What are decisions based on?

- Cumulative GPA
- Test scores
- Strength of former institutions
- **Recommendation letters**
- **Personal statement**
- Course work
- Reading, writing, critical thinking
- Research area
- Faculty advisor
- Research experience
Recommendation Letters

- Should be primarily from academics familiar with your work
  - Someone you’ve had in class
  - Someone you’re doing research under
- Should compare you to others
- Should comment on your:
  - Capacity for research
  - Analytical thinking
  - Group work
  - Ability to organize and express ideas clearly

- Unless you are in a very applied discipline, work references can be an additional, but not primary, reference
UNRIVALED SUPPORT & RESOURCES

Ohio State’s Arts and Sciences graduate students are among the highest caliber scholars in the world. To attract the very best and to ensure that students can focus fully on their programs of study, our departments and programs provide highly competitive funding.

FUNDING

We are committed to providing the necessary resources to support our future scholars and professionals. Funding for graduate students takes the form of graduate fellowships and associateships. These awards cover tuition and fees and provide a living stipend and health care subsidy.

Our graduate students may assist faculty with research, instruct undergraduates or aid with instruction and/or receive fellowships that allow them to focus solely on their studies and research.

Students also can apply for a university Presidential Fellowship, awarded to students entering the final phase of their dissertation research. The Edward J. Ray Travel Award for Scholarship and Service provides financial support for travel to present at conferences and professional meetings.

“...The funding for research projects, travel grants and conference travel is really great! Every year I have been able to present at several conferences.”

—Colleen Kennedy, PhD candidate, English
Financial support

- If admitted to terminal degree (doctoral, some MFA), program will offer a 5-year funding package, comprised of primarily
  - Associateships
  - University fellowships
  - Departmental scholarships and grants
Financial Support

• Associateships
  • Work 20 hours per week in exchange for:
    – Tuition waiver
    – 85 percent health insurance coverage
    – Monthly stipend of at least $2,100
    – 9- or 12-month appointments
  • Associateship types:
    – Graduate Research Associateship (GRA)
    – Graduate Teaching Associateship (GTA)
    – Graduate Administrative Associateship (GAA)
  • Last year OSU employed more than 4,500 GTAs, GRAs, and GAAs
Financial Support

Fellowships

• Nominated by department to the Graduate School (students cannot apply directly); financial support same as associateships, but no work expectation

• **University Fellowships** – 1-3 years of support
  • Eligibility:
    • 3.6 on a 4.0 scale (undergraduate)
    • Must be new student to the Graduate School at OSU

• **Graduate Enrichment Fellowship** – 1-3 years of support
  • Eligibility:
    • 3.2 on a 4.0 scale (undergraduate)
    • Must be U.S. citizen
    • Have some component of diversity
    • Must be new student to the Graduate School at OSU

• [https://gradsch.osu.edu/graduate-fellows](https://gradsch.osu.edu/graduate-fellows)
Thanks for participating and good luck with your graduate school search!

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