

MSU GRADUATE SCHOOL AND POSTDOC OFFICE

Teaching and Research Development Support

The Graduate School and Postdoctoral Office aims is to provide high professional development opportunities in the areas of research and teaching. We offer both recurring and tailored programming for graduate students and postdocs. We also provide access to national networks and resources to help faculty help graduate students on their professional development journey into the academy, industry, public and/or not-for-profit sectors.

Teaching	
Teaching Fellows Programs	The Graduate School partners with academic units to offer several year-long fellowship programs for people interested in participating in communities of practice around teaching. Please go to this link for more information: https://grad.msu.edu/teaching-communities-and-fellowships
Certification in College Teaching	The Graduate School partners with MSU colleges to help graduate students and postdocs organize, develop and document their teaching experiences by offering a Certification in College Teaching. Please go to this site for more information: https://grad.msu.edu/cctp
Onboarding for Graduate Teaching Assistants	<p>At the beginning of each semester the Graduate School hosts a New TA Institute and an International TA Orientation for those graduate students new to the GTA role during the upcoming academic year (mostly incoming graduate students but also returning students teaching for the first time). Please see https://grad.msu.edu/tap/orientations for more information about both of these programs.</p> <p>The Graduate School partners with the Academic Advancement Network (www.aan.msu.edu) to offer “Quick Starts for Teaching in Support of Student Success” at the start of each (fall, spring, summer) semester for faculty and graduate teaching assistants to receive an overview of important classroom policies and “hands-on” problem solving related to important issues faced by instructors and students. Here is a link to this August’s program description: https://grad.msu.edu/events/quick-start-teaching-support-student-success</p>
English Language Support for International GTAs	With support from the Graduate School, the English Language Center (ELC) offers workshops and classes for graduate students hoping to have the opportunity to teach undergraduate students at MSU. Please see the ELC website for more information: http://elc.msu.edu/programs/ita/
Specialized Programs for Graduate Programs and Departments	An Assistant/Associate Dean from our professional development team collaborates with department faculty to offer tailored programs for graduate students and/or postdocs in a discipline. Possible program topics include: writing a teaching narrative, managing your digital presence, translating your teaching for industry, optimizing mentoring relationships. Contact Dr. Melissa McDaniels (mcdani73@msu.edu) for more information.
ITeachMSU	The Graduate Schools hosts an Inside Teaching MSU blog (www.insideteaching.msu.edu) for graduate students and postdocs to write about experiments and innovations in their teaching practices. Submission information can be found on the front page of this blog. Social media participation is also encouraged at @insideteaching and #iteachmsu

Teaching (continued)	
Center for the Integration for Research, Teaching and Learning (www.cirtl.net)	<p>Michigan State University is one of the founding members of the Center for the Integration for Research, Teaching and Learning (www.cirtl.net). This is an NSF-sponsored program seeking to prepare the next generation of faculty for postsecondary teaching. MSU graduate students and postdocs have free access to online workshops offered by CIRTl - https://www.cirtl.net/p/fall-workshops-open-for-registration.</p> <p>CIRTl is also a co-sponsor of several Massive Open Online Courses that focus on STEM teaching (but are designed to be very relevant to graduate students of all disciplines). Registration is open now for 2017-2018 courses (http://stemteachingcourse.org/).</p>

Research	
Optimizing Mentoring Relationships for Mentees and Mentors	An Assistant/Associate Dean from our professional development team collaborates with department faculty to offer tailored programs for graduate students and/or postdocs in a discipline. Possible program topics include: aligning expectations, culturally aware mentoring, promoting effective communication and more. Contact Dr. Melissa McDaniels (mcdani73@msu.edu) for more information.
National Research Mentoring Network	Michigan State and the other Big Ten Academic Network institutions are members of the National Research Mentoring Network. This NIH-supported network aims to support the development of researchers across the career span in important professional practices related to research (research mentoring and grant writing) and teaching. Encourage students to create accounts and see this web site for more information: www.nrmnet.net . Drs. Melissa McDaniels and Antonio Nunez are MSU contacts for this project.
Write-Ins and Dissertation Support Groups	The Graduate School in Chittenden Hall provides quiet spaces for graduate students and postdoctoral students to write (approximately once a month). Lunch is provided and consultants from the Writing Center are available to help with goal setting and accountability. See this link for a description from the September 2017 workshop. https://grad.msu.edu/events/write-graduate-school-15 . We also host dissertation support groups in collaboration with the Counseling Center (https://grad.msu.edu/events/dissertation-support-group)
Resources for Faculty Advising and Mentoring	The Graduate School continues to build a library of resources and hold events to support faculty in their advising and mentoring practices. See this website for updated information: https://grad.msu.edu/Resources4Faculty_AdvisingMentoring

