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MISSION OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

The mission of the Graduate School is to promote the highest-quality graduate education that prepares interdisciplinary leaders who advance knowledge and understanding, drive innovation, and contribute to the resolution of complex national and global problems to meet societal needs.
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PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

The Black Graduate Student Association
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The Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) serves an active role in initiating peer support, professional development, networking, and advocacy on behalf of the membership. Furthermore, the organization serves as a social change agent, addressing the needs of the local community. BGSA continues to fulfill these important roles throughout the Penn State community by sponsoring social, academic, and professional development events throughout the year.

Career Services
105 Bank of America Career Services Center, 814-865-5131
Christine Mosich, Programming Graduate Assistant
Bob Orndorff, Director of Career Services
Sherry Rice, Career Fairs Coordinator

Career Services is committed to offering a comprehensive array of programs and services that support and facilitate career development for all students. Programs and resources are provided to assist enrolled students in crystallizing and specifying career goals through identifying self-characteristics (values, attitudes, interests, abilities, etc.); expanding their knowledge of career alternatives; understanding an effective decision-making process; and acquiring appropriate strategies and skills to carry out the processes. Furthermore, Career Services assists enrolled students in implementing career goals through acquiring appropriate strategies and skills to implement chosen career goals (employment/educational/other) and creating opportunities for enrolled students to come in contact with potential employment/educational sources. In addition, Career Services works to provide an environment in which historically underrepresented and returning students participate and utilize all career-planning services through their inclusion in general programs, as well as their participation in programs designed to address the specific issues faced by underrepresented students in both the employment and educational setting.
**Center for the Performing Arts at Penn State**  
12 Eisenhower Auditorium, 814-863-6379  
Laura Sullivan, Marketing and Communications Director  
Melissa Croushorn, Student Engagement Manager

The Center for the Performing Arts at Penn State presents professional touring programs of music, theatre, and dance in Eisenhower and Schwab auditoriums. Under the direction of the center, major symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, jazz bands and singers, touring Broadway musicals, classical and contemporary dance companies, various family productions, and other events are brought to the Penn State University Park campus. The center also commissions and presents new works by leading artists. Audience development and education programs, including pre-performance discussions, master classes with artists, and school-time matinees for children, enhance the center’s offerings. Discounts are offered on presentations for full-time University Park students, patrons purchasing four or more eligible events as a package, and groups buying ten or more tickets to an event. For information, visit the Center’s website or call 814-863-0255.

**Center for Women Students**  
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Erin Farley, Programming Coordinator  
Anna Jantz, Graduate Assistant

The Center for Women Students (CWS) is committed to a campus culture that makes all students feel supported and gives students access to a full range of services, fosters cooperation and respect, and creates positive experiences that help students be successful both at Penn State and in the world. The Center supports students who have been affected by sexual violence, relationship violence, stalking, harassment, and other campus climate issues. We assist students through education, advocacy, referrals, and crisis intervention/support counseling. We welcome students, staff, and faculty as partners in all of our work, and advise two peer education groups for students looking to get involved.
The Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides group therapy, short-term individual counseling, crisis intervention, psychological and psychiatric evaluations, and referrals for private therapy for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as prevention and consultation services for the University community. CAPS services can help students resolve personal concerns that may interfere with their academic progress, social development, and satisfaction at Penn State. In addition to our other services, CAPS offers special therapy groups for graduate students.

CAPS professional staff includes psychologists, psychiatric providers, clinical social workers, counselors specializing in sexual assault and addictions, and graduate trainees.

An appointment for an initial interview can be made by calling 814-863-0395 or by visiting our receptionist at 501 Student Health Center during office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, visit the CAPS website.

The responsibilities of the Office of Graduate Enrollment Services (GES) encompass the academic involvement and concerns of all graduate students from the time they apply until they graduate. GES reviews all degree, certificate, and non-degree applications and verifies academic credentials (transcripts, diplomas, and other educational documents) to ensure they meet eligibility requirements established by Graduate Council. GES provides information and assistance to graduate students, faculty, and programs; monitors students’ progress toward fulfillment of academic benchmarks (completion of a master’s program; doctoral candidacy, comprehensive, and final oral examinations); analyzes and reviews graduate student records to confirm conferral of degrees; and monitors and approves time extensions. In addition, GES manages dual-title, integrated undergraduate and graduate degrees, and joint-degree programs; concurrent degrees; changes of majors, retroactive withdrawals and grade changes; and transfers of credit for all graduate students. Additionally, GES reviews petitions for exceptions to Graduate Council policies, conducts ongoing graduate program staff training, and oversees international exchanges.

The Office of Theses and Dissertations (OTD) is the unit within GES that certifies electronic theses and dissertations (eTDs) have been prepared in accordance with the standards set by Graduate Council and the University Libraries. OTD maintains eTDs held for delayed release to Open Access status and uploads eTDs to the University Libraries. In addition, this office coordinates commencement activities for the Graduate School, including the distribution of doctoral diplomas.
The mission of The Pennsylvania State University Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) is to represent and support the interests of the University's current and future graduate and professional student community by supporting scholarly activities and providing leadership, service, and social opportunities. GPSA exists to enrich the experience of the University's graduate students, all of whom are members of GPSA. GPSA accomplishes these objectives by flexibly responding to the changing collective needs of our primary constituents, graduate students. GPSA, recognized by the University as the overarching organization representing graduate students, is appropriately organized to accomplish the following unique functions:

- advocate the position of the graduate student body to other University and external constituencies;
- represent the broad interests of graduate students to the University's academic units through a network of departmental delegates;
- furnish accessible, reliable, and valuable information, services, and programs to current and prospective graduate students;
- provide a forum for interaction among an extraordinarily diverse graduate student population;
- encourage and facilitate communication with and interaction among other graduate student organizations;
- seek funding to support organizational activities;
- promote a sense of community among graduate and professional students and their families.

The Graduate Writing Center (GWC) provides trained, friendly, and free peer consulting and workshops for Penn State graduate students of all disciplines and of all levels of writing ability. The GWC began offering its services to Penn State graduate students in January 1999. Since its opening, it has provided consultations for graduate students from more than sixty-five different disciplines.

Graduate students are invited to schedule appointments for one-on-one collaborative discussions about theses, dissertations, seminar papers, proposals, or other projects they are currently undertaking. These collaborative discussions seek both to generate productive feedback about specific projects and to improve students' writing and critical thinking abilities in general.
Institute for CyberScience – Advanced Cyberinfrastructure for Innovation
304 Old Main, 814-777-2965
Wayne Figurelle, Assistant Director

The Institute for CyberScience (ICS@PSU) is enhancing Penn State’s national and international presence and stature in computational CyberScience by utilizing advanced computing and information sciences to enable discovery in the Environmental, Life, Materials, and Social Sciences. We provide scalable computational resources for enabling discovery through computing through our Advanced Cyberinfrastructure for Innovation (ICS-CI2). In addition, we provide services and expertise to enhance researchers’ ability and efficiency to compute and manage data.

ITS Services and Solutions
23 Willard Building, 814-865-0817
Courtney Robinson, Marketing Communications Specialist

When you need IT support during your time at Penn State, ITS Services and Solutions is here to help. The unit provides Penn State faculty, staff, and students with IT troubleshooting through the IT Service Desk, discounted software options through Software @ Penn State, and learning opportunities through ITS Training Services. In addition to 24/7 phone support from the Service Desk, graduate students can take advantage of free one-on-one technology consulting help, as well as free technology training sessions that are offered throughout the year in a variety of formats. Many of the session topics are dedicated to topics that can help graduate students succeed in their research and teaching at Penn State (including ANGEL, Qualtrics, Box, and more).

LGBTA Student Resource Center
101 Boucke Building, 814-863-1248
Allison Subasic, Director
Russ Norris, Graduate Assistant
Kelly Diaz, Graduate Student

The mission of the LGBTA Student Resource Center is to assist the entire University community in ensuring the inclusion of LGBTA persons and in eliminating homophobia and heterosexism at Penn State by providing a comprehensive range of direct service, referral, programming, outreach, and education. In addition, we envision a campus where LGBTA people feel welcomed and are included in every aspect of the community. The LGBTA Student Resource Center offers several resources: safe space, peer counseling, a meeting place, and information on anything from coming out to LGBT-friendly employers. We have a friendly staff that welcomes anyone, gay or straight, into the center and the community. We also offer a library that contains books, educational and social videos, magazines, and scholarly and non-scholarly journals and articles. The resources are available to all students, staff, faculty, administration, and community members.
The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards Administration supports graduate education in various ways, including: 1) Managing the process of allocating to colleges and Intercollege Graduate Degree Programs Graduate School funding that promotes excellence in graduate recruitment, student participation in professional development activities such as student travel to professional conferences, or other events related to graduate student scholarship; 2) Coordinating the oversight of centralized funding programs; 3) Serving as the coordinating office for students who have received certain external fellowships and elect to attend Penn State as their graduate institution; and 4) Identifying and pursuing external funding opportunities that will expand resources available to graduate students and recognize excellence in academic achievement.

The Office of Student Aid administers all major aid programs at Penn State and strives to ensure access to educational opportunity for those in greatest financial need.

There are aid programs available for both undergraduate students and graduate students.

To receive aid including Federal Direct Stafford and PLUS loans, a student must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid each year
- Must comply with Penn State’s academic progress standards
- Must not be in default on an educational loan and must not owe a repayment on an adjusted federal grant
- Must be enrolled in an eligible degree program
- Must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credits for undergraduate and 5 credits at the 400 level or above for graduate students)
- If male and age 18-25, must be registered for Selective Service
- Must be a citizen or eligible non-citizen with a valid Social Security number
- Must have a high school diploma
Penn State Hillel
114 Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, 814-863-3816
Rob France, Assistant Director
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Hillel is the foundation of Jewish campus life at Penn State. The campus has close to 4,000 Jewish undergraduate and graduate students, as well as many faculty and staff members that are involved in the Jewish community. Our calendar includes social outings and cultural activities including Friday night services and dinner! Come by our table to learn more!

ScholarSphere
http://scholarsphere.psu.edu
23 Willard Building, 814-865-0817 or Pattee Library 3rd Floor Tower, 814-865-2486
Dan Coughlin, IT director
Patricia Hswe, Head, ScholarSphere User Services
Sarah Irwin, Data Services Manager

ScholarSphere is a free repository service developed by ITS and the University Libraries where Penn State students, faculty, and staff can share, store, and showcase their scholarly work through an easy uploading process. All types of files including datasets and media can be uploaded and the content is a preserved and archived for you. You may build collections of related materials, adjust the privacy settings so that you have control over where and when to share your work, and assign your choice of Creative Commons intellectual property licenses. You can easily cite or refer to your work in resumes, grant applications, presentations, articles, and other scholarly venues via the assigned stable URLs.

Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence
301 Rider Building, 814-865-9785
Chas Brua, Research Associate and Instructional Consultant

The Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence, a unit of Undergraduate Education, has University-wide responsibilities to design and foster new teaching and learning improvement strategies and advance testing and assessment activities. The institute provides faculty and graduate students with programs, services, and resources that promote excellence in teaching and learning across the University. Faculty and graduate student instructors work with the institute to: integrate teaching methods beyond traditional lecture into the classroom, develop innovative and valid testing methods, and interpret and implement evaluations of student learning. The institute’s consultants are available for assistance on any teaching topic, to anyone who teaches at Penn State. The institute develops a variety of online resources to support teaching and learning initiatives, including electronic databases, reference materials, and online publications.

Program and resource information is available on our website. You can also visit the institute in 301 Rider Building or call 814-865-9785.
The Sustainability Institute (SI) was created to lead Penn State toward the University's sustainability mission: a comprehensive integration of sustainability into the University's research, teaching, outreach, and operations that prepares students, faculty, and staff to be sustainability leaders in their professional, personal, and civic lives.

ThirdPlace is a community for Grad Students, Young Professionals, and 20/30 Somethings who care deeply about authentic community, service (locally & globally), and social justice. ThirdPlace is based on the idea that people tend to have an area besides home and work that helps them feel complete. As part of the post-college crowd in State College, Pennsylvania, we found that people our age needed more opportunities to meet each other, have fun, and build each other up outside of the office or school.

Penn State Transportation Services, comprised of the Parking Office and Fleet Operations, provides parking, transit, and other transportation-related services and resources to students, faculty, staff, and visitors.
The University Libraries include five physical locations at University Park and libraries at each of the campuses serving disciplines in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities, as well as a medical library at Hershey. The online collections are also both deep and broad, since we are one of the top 10 research libraries in North America with one of the most extensive online and print collections in the world. These include many locally owned, digitized materials and thousands of online and print journal subscriptions and hundreds of thousands of e-books. Committed to advancing intellectual discovery, information literacy, and lifelong learning, we support the University’s strategic goals in teaching research, service, and outreach. Expert Libraries faculty and staff work closely with students to assist with the entire lifecycle of research and scholarship. The Libraries welcome all students to contact us with questions or research needs, either in person or virtually.

The University Office of Global Programs (UOGP) provides support for all of Penn State’s international engagements. Our office oversees education abroad programs; facilitates the hosting of international students, scholars, and visitors; and collaborates with academic units and faculty to cultivate and build strategic partnerships and collaborations around the world.
The Pennsylvania State University encourages qualified persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the Office of the Dean (814-865-2516) in advance of your participation or visit.

The Pennsylvania State University is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by University policy or by state or federal authorities. It is the policy of the University to maintain an academic and work environment free of discrimination, including harassment. The Pennsylvania State University prohibits discrimination and harassment against any person because of age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, genetic information, national origin, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status and retaliation due to the reporting of discrimination or harassment. Discrimination, harassment, or retaliation against faculty, staff, or students will not be tolerated at The Pennsylvania State University. Direct all inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policy to the Affirmative Action Director, The Pennsylvania State University, 328 Boucke Building, University Park, PA 16802-5901; Tel 814-863-0471 V/TTY.