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.
The Ohio State University’s College of Arts and Sciences graduate programs offer you access to top researchers, scholars and artists; training in state-of-the-art labs, classrooms and studios; and an environment of collaboration and teamwork that makes our graduate community unlike any other.

Arguably the most powerful intellectual platform in the country, we offer unmatched breadth, depth and excellence in the visual and performing arts, humanities, natural and mathematical sciences, and the social and behavioral sciences.

“The single greatest asset of this university is its intellectual synergy, which, I believe, is a product of its diverse, collaborative communities. I think it has been to my great benefit to work, learn and play in a place that continues to recognize the value of collective experiences.”

—Nyron Crawford, PhD, Political Science Assistant Professor, Temple University
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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
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.

“\nThe 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.\n”

–Karin Musier-Forsyth, Ohio Eminent Scholar and Professor, Biochemistry
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
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.

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.

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.

—Yalidy Matos, MA, PhD candidate, Political Science
COLUMBUS

From great restaurants to major league sports to a thriving arts and music scene, **Columbus is the place to be**.

You can describe Columbus in two words — open and smart. It’s a technology center where world-changing innovations are born. It’s a multicultural community that welcomes new residents from every country and culture. It gives hope in health care that reaches around the world, in pediatrics, cancer care, cardiac care, neuroscience and more. It’s where you can stroll through quaint German Village or be the first to know about fashion trends launching from the Limited or Abercrombie & Fitch. You’ll hear 109 languages spoken here and discover art that words can’t describe. Columbus extends the same invitation to everyone — Columbus is what you make of it.

If you travel to Ohio State to pursue a graduate/professional degree, you may wonder why you feel so welcome here. It’s because you’re in a city that’s accustomed to visitors. Over 37.6 million annual visitors make Columbus one of the most vibrant cities in the United States. They flock here to see the nation’s #1 Columbus Zoo and Aquarium or our #1 COSI science center. Some make it a point to attend the Columbus Arts Festival, one of the most revered juried festivals in the nation. In fact, our nonprofit arts sector alone — artists, museum workers, arts marketers and more — generates $226 million in annual revenue. Visitors are inspired, fascinated, amazed and delighted, often discovering that Columbus is where they want to live and work.

COLUMBUS HAS BEEN NAMED:

- #1 up-and-coming high-tech city (*Forbes*)
- #1 best place to live, work and raise a family for African Americans (*BET Networks*)
- Top-25 LGBT-friendly campus (*Campus Pride*)

These lighted arches span High Street through the Short North, the neighborhood just south of Ohio State’s campus, where you’ll find restaurants, bars, shops and the center of the city’s art scene.