Welcome

A vibrant graduate community

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Graduate education at Virginia Tech

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Primary reasons you are seeking a graduate degree
Why did you select Virginia Tech?
What concerns you about being in graduate school?
What are the ways that Graduate School can assist you?
Virginia Tech: A global land grant university
discovery, learning and engagement in a global context
Throughout the Commonwealth
VT Graduate School: unique and innovative
transforming graduate education through initiatives and programs
“I suppose it is tempting, that if the only tool you have is a hammer, to treat everything like a nail”

Abraham Maslow, 1966
expand the tools  enlarge the tool box
21st century global university

• seeing the whole from different perspectives
• seeing things differently
• looking for the unobvious
It’s a Fan!

It’s a Spear!

It’s a Wall!

It’s a Rope!

It’s a Snake!

It’s a Tree!
seeing the ‘unobvious’
see things differently and look for the ‘unobvious’
Conditions of graduate study

(Harper, 1980)

• Quality
• “Time to Fiddle” with ideas
• “Baggy Idea of Truth”
• Sense of community
high standards and expectations.....
changing the rhetoric and reality of graduate education
from surviving.....

thriving
Tips for thriving in Grad School

Virginia Tech Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education Karen P. DePauw shares tips on how to thrive (not just survive) in graduate school.
climate of civility, sensitivity and mutual respect
Office of Recruitment, Diversity and Inclusion (ORDI) @VT_ORDI

Connect lunches: Black, Women, Native/Indigenous people, over 30, LGBTQ, Latino/a, FirstGen, Disability caucus and more

Diversity scholars and spotlight HBCU/MSI Research Summit
Little Hokie™ Hangout: Cooperative Play Group

Little Hokie™ Hangout is a parent-run cooperative playgroup for children between

Babysitter Clearinghouse

The Graduate School's Babysitter Clearinghouse is a frequently updated list of qualified babysitters

Parent Support Group

Graduate students who are juggling family and their academic work meet monthly to discuss issues, connect with other parents, and
Disrupting Academic Bullying

To maintain a culture of civility throughout the graduate education experience, academic bullying is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.
opportunities for you!
Transformative Graduate Education (TGE)

Knowledge
Leadership

Scholarly Inquiry
Responsibility

DePauw 2003 (rev 2017)

Technology, inclusion & diversity, interdisciplinary, ethics, & global
Transformative Graduate Education (TGE)

Preparation Future Professoriate (PFP)
Career Professional (PFPro)
Teaching/Learning, Academy for GTA Excellence
Citizen Scholar Engagement (CSE) Citizen Scholars
Communication Science & Public Engagement

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Graduate Courses & Certificates

- Preparing the Future Professoriate (3)*
- PFP: Global Perspectives (3)
- GTA Workshop (1)
- Contemporary Pedagogy (3)*
- Library Research Skills (1)
- Interdisciplinary Research in Science & Engineering (1-3)
- Ethics and Responsible Conduct of Research (2)
- Citizen Scholar Seminar (3)
- Preparing Future Career Professional (3)
- Industrial Professional in Science & Engineering (3)
- Diversity & inclusion for a global society (3)
- Communicating Science (2)
- International Research (3)
- Interdisciplinary Research & Graduate Education (3)
Certificates

- Future Professoriate graduate certificate (700+)
- Inclusion and diversity graduate certificate
- Career professional graduate certificate

Curricular content beyond discipline

- Ethics and scholarly integrity
- Inclusion and diversity

Micro-credentials
Workshops and seminars

- Writing skills
- Team building
- Time management
- Communication
- Work-life balance
- Inclusive pedagogy
- Privilege and bias
- Grant writing
- Job preparation
- Leadership
- Entrepreneurship
- and more
14 IGEPs
~180 students
~270 faculty

iPhD = 10+
first graduate 2019
Discuss Pedagogy

The VT Graduate Academy for Teaching Excellence serves as a community hub for graduate students who are interested in teaching to connect with each other as well as faculty, staff, and other campus resources.

Slow Scholarship and Building Community to Thrive in Graduate School

Pedagogy Resource Repository

The VT Graduate Academy for Teaching Excellence hosts a wealth of pedagogical resources that may help one improve their teaching.

Service Work

The VT Graduate Academy for Teaching Excellence provides service to the campus and broader community by providing some human, technical, and other resources in support of teaching and improving one's pedagogy.

Research and Funding

This blog post is in part processing a few research thoughts and working on research statements for my Feminist Research Methods course. Last week was Grad Ed Week at Tech. Part of what that brought
Citizen Scholar Engagement

application of knowledge for a global society
Communicating Science

Graduate students share their experiences with Communicating Science classes in the short video below.

Nutshell games, courses, workshops and more
“Open” movement and accessibility
Graduate Honor System
21st century University
confluence of the generations
diverse backgrounds, experiences & social identities
And now, higher education in 2020 and current tensions...

- pandemic - COVID-19 - physical and mental health
- racial and social (in)justice
- immigration/international
- economic
And thus, the fundamental purposes of the university continue today ....

- education
- public good
- social justice
- accessibility and
- inclusion
Graduate School commitment to you

- Health and safety are primary concerns
- Academic quality and rigor
- Academic progress and degree completion
- Research and scholarly activities
- Career preparation & success critical skills
Health and safety requirements effective June 2020 - subject to change

- Physical distancing at 6 feet
- Masks or face coverings required
- Group gatherings of 50 allowed
Stay informed, please see

Ready Information about Graduate Education for Fall 2020 -https://graduateschool.vt.edu/
a space and place for graduate education
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