



ASCENDE ALTIUS

A NEWSLETTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS
GRADUATE SCHOOL



Vice Provost & Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Deborah Tollefsen

UofM Graduate School



We are thrilled to unveil the University of Memphis Graduate School's new strategic plan, aligning with the University's Ascend strategic plan. This comprehensive roadmap focuses on enhancing enrollment, supporting graduate students and staff, improving processes and ensuring financial stewardship.

As we embark on the journey outlined in its strategic plan, we will continue to collaborate with college Deans, graduate faculty, staff and administrative units across the campus to provide our graduate students with a world class educational experience. This plan is not just a document; it is a commitment to fostering a vibrant academic community, providing opportunities for success and ensuring that every graduate student thrives in an environment that values excellence and promotes inclusivity.

Stay tuned for updates as we work toward these strategic goals and continue to redefine the landscape of graduate education. We encourage you to explore our programs, stay connected with us on social media (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn) to learn about our outstanding graduate students, graduate faculty, graduate school staff and events. Please spread the word to colleagues, friends and family interested in taking their education to the next level and, if possible, help us climb higher by making a financial contribution to support our efforts. Ascende Altius!

Best wishes,
Deborah Tollefsen, PhD
Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

[Read the full letter here →](#)



Our Mission and Vision

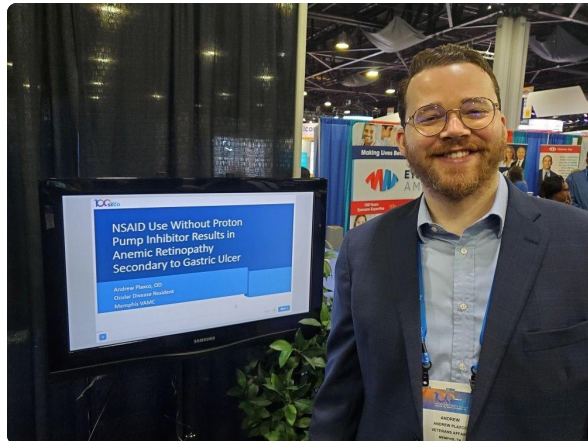
The foundation of our strategic plan rests on a clear mission and vision. The mission is to support graduate programs in producing well-rounded, successful graduates and developing cutting-edge programs to enrich our ever-changing society. The vision is to become nationally recognized for high-quality, innovative and creative graduate programs while fostering a universally welcoming and supportive environment for all graduate students.

UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS GRADUATE SCHOOL

STRATEGIC GOALS: A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SUCCESS



Graduate Student Spotlights



Andrew Patrick Plaxco

Life as a graduate student is often a juggling act, and this dedicated UofM Global student getting his Master of Public Health Generalist degree, is mastering the art with finesse.

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Madison Hunter

Affectionately known as "Pro Mo" by her students, she is a beacon of inspiration, confidence and energy. She is a writer and teacher that's passionate about pursuing her Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, specializing in Poetry.

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Alumni Features



Nathali Roberts

She exemplifies resilience and compassion, in the vast landscape of social work, where compassion meets advocacy. She graduated from the UofM in 2013 with a Master of Social Work. She's a loving mom and wife.

[Read Her Inspiring Story →](#)



Daqi Dong

He graduated with a PhD in Computer Science specializing in Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Modeling in 2016. He is a Data Science Advisor at FedEx and focuses on R&D works of

Machine Learning (ML) and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

[Dive Into His Feature →](#)

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHT & PROGRAM FEATURE

Building the Future of Physical Therapy: Dr. Jacque Bradford Named Program Director for UofM's New DPT Program

Dive into this Q&A with Dr. Bradford!

She discusses her motivation to lead this new program, highlighting her passion for serving rural communities and addressing healthcare disparities. She outlines the program's goals, emphasizes its unique aspects, while also detailing its student-centered approach.

[Explore the Article →](#)



IN THE NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS GRADUATE SCHOOL
MASTERING GRADUATE SCHOOL WORKSHOP SERIES

JAN 30TH - IS GRADUATE SCHOOL RIGHT FOR ME? NAVIGATING THE SELECTION & APPLICATION PROCESS

FEB 21ST - UNLOCKING SUCCESS: INSIGHTS FROM CURRENT UOFM GRADUATE STUDENTS

MARCH 19TH - A CAREER SERVICES WORKSHOP: CRAFTING YOUR PROFESSIONAL NARRATIVE

APRIL 9TH - STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES FOR FUNDING YOUR GRADUATE EDUCATION

MAY 2ND - A WORKSHOP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: NAVIGATING THE APPLICATION PROCESS ABROAD

JUNE 19TH - UOFM GLOBAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS & GRADUATE CERTIFICATES WORKSHOP



Mastering Grad School Workshop Series

Our spring six-session workshop series encompasses a range of topics to support your successful graduate studies journey.

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DATE 
 MONDAY, APRIL 22ND

TIME 
 1:30PM - 2:30PM

LOCATION 
 UC MEMPHIS A (340A)

us.fulbrightonline.org
tigersabroad@memphis.edu

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Open to high achieving undergraduates and graduate students!

Fulbright Scholarship Workshop

This workshop is hosted by the Center for International Education Services. Grants are for research or English Teaching Programs.

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UofM 2024 Student

UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS GRADUATE SCHOOL
VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE SERIES

Tuesday, February 6th
BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, February 28th
HUMANITIES

Wednesday, March 20th
LAW & ENGINEERING

Tuesday, March 26th
EDUCATION & HEALTHCARE

Tuesday, April 16th
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Wednesday, May 1st
NATURAL SCIENCES

Tuesday, July 16th
FALL 2024 SEMESTER FAQ WITH FINANCIAL AID & USBS

You're Invited! Each session takes place via Zoom from 11:00 am-12:15 pm CST!



Spring 2024 Virtual

Research Forum

This annual event showcases the diverse research of undergraduate and graduate students.

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Open Houses

Each open house is themed and provides invaluable insights into academic pursuits, career development and new opportunities.

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MEET OUR ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS



Jameshia Jamison

Jameshia covers the following programs:

- College of Education
- Fogelman College of Business & Economics
- Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management



Christie Rakestraw

Christie covers the following programs:

- College of Health Sciences
- Loewenberg College of Nursing
- School of Communication Sciences and Disorders
- School of Public Health
- Herff College of Engineering
- Non-degree Seeking Students



Carmen Fowlkes

Carmen covers the following programs:

- College of Communication and Fine Arts
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Professional and Liberal Studies
- School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy (SUAPP)

Graduation Information

- **April 24:** Comprehensive Exams– Doctoral exam results are sent to the Graduation Analyst when complete.
- **May 4:** COMMENCEMENT DATE!



[Learn more](#)



BLOGS & NEWSLETTERS

Stay up-to-date on the latest happenings, research breakthroughs and thought leadership within our academic community. This is a resource to provide you with a steady stream of knowledge, opportunities and exciting developments.

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EXPLORE OUR VIEWBOOK

Dive into a world of possibilities! Explore our wide range of programs each tailored to help you achieve your academic and career goals. From cutting-edge research opportunities to experiential learning from experts to countless career opportunities, UofM has it!

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Useful Links



Explore Programs : At the UofM, we offer dozens of academic majors and concentrations that are tailored to serve your best interests to help you meet your career goals.

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General Admission Information : Are you curious about the minimum requirements for enrollment, documents needed and the application process? This is a good place to start!

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Apply to Graduate School: Ready to take the next steps in your education and career? Great! Apply to UofM Graduate School.

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Graduate School Directory: Get connected with program-specific faculty and staff that will help you along the application process.

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