GRADUATE STUDIES
WELCOME TO MIZZOU

The University of Missouri is the state’s most comprehensive institution of higher learning. With 18 schools and colleges, MU is one of only six public institutions in the nation that can claim a medical school, a veterinary medicine college and a law school on the same campus. Students also have immediate access to agriculture, engineering and business colleges. Mizzou has 11 research centers and institutes; nine core research facilities; and 17 research farms and forests covering more than 14,500 acres. And those acres are beautiful. The main campus doubles as a botanic garden, with more than 42,000 plants and trees that serve as an outdoor laboratory for 10 academic programs.

Mizzou provides all the benefits of two universities in one: It’s a major land-grant institution with a statewide mission of service to Missouri citizens, and it’s the state’s largest public research university. Considered one of the nation’s top-tier institutions, Mizzou is one of only 34 public universities to be selected for membership in the Association of American Universities.
FORGE YOUR OWN PATH

Wherever you’re headed, Mizzou is a great place to continue your education.

The University of Missouri was founded in 1839 in Columbia, Missouri, as the first public university west of the Mississippi River. Today, Mizzou is a $2.1 billion enterprise and an important investment for the state and nation.

For more than 175 years, faculty innovation and discovery have resulted in new jobs; improved our quality of life; created solutions for businesses and industries; and significantly contributed to the state’s economy. Graduate student researchers work alongside faculty mentors from six different schools and colleges to solve interdisciplinary problems related to human and animal health as well as natural and managed biological systems that underlie our quality of life. Learn more at gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/programs.

MIZZOU ADVANTAGE

The Mizzou Advantage is an initiative that fosters interdisciplinary collaboration among faculty, staff, students and external partners. The aim? To solve real-world problems in four areas of interdisciplinary research strength: Food for the Future, Media of the Future, One Health/One Medicine and Sustainable Energy. MU is developing student-driven educational programs in the four Mizzou Advantage areas to give students a competitive edge in the global marketplace.

For example, in One Health/One Medicine, graduate students in biomedical sciences help world-famous geneticist Leslie Lyons’ feline genome sequencing, research that has helped medical scientists treat diseases that humans and cats have in common. Learn more: mizzouadvantage.missouri.edu
Plant science is but one area in which graduate students traverse academic programs.

Interdisciplinary research is MU’s hallmark. With its array of expertise and resources in one location, MU is uniquely positioned to focus on real-world problems. Our graduate students have access to internationally respected investigators and world-class facilities, including the nation’s most powerful university research reactor, which produces radioisotopes for diagnosing and treating cancer.

**Interdisciplinary Plant Group**

The internationally known Interdisciplinary Plant Group (IPG) is a community of faculty, students, postdoctoral fellows and federal researchers pursuing transformative discovery across the fields of plant molecular biology, physiology, biochemistry, genetics, biotechnology, evolution, ecology, forestry and computer science.

IPG’s work develops safe and plentiful food sources, promotes global competitiveness, and enhances the medicinal properties of botanicals.

Learn more: ipg.missouri.edu/about.cfm

Find graduate degree programs at gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics

**Collaborative Partnership with Donald Danforth Plant Science Center**

What happens when two Missouri institutions, each known for cutting-edge research on drought tolerance, sustainability and food insecurity, team up?

Graduate student researchers are integrated into the Danforth Center’s teams with scientists from more than 22 countries, contributing to world-leading plant science innovation.

Learn more: danforthcenter.org

**Whatever your interdisciplinary interests, there’s a research center right for you.**

- Center on Religion & the Professions
- Center for Studies in Oral Tradition
- Christopher S. Bond Life Sciences Center
- Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center
- Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute
- Health Activity Center
- Interdisciplinary Center on Aging
- International Institute of Nano and Molecular Medicine
- National Center for Gender Physiology
- Research Center for Human-Animal Interaction
- Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders
- UM Bioinformatics Institute
AIM HIGH IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Mizzou provides graduate students and postdocs with the tools necessary for a successful academic career.

The college landscape is rapidly changing, and so is the professoriate. Mizzou offers a variety of programs, courses and online resources to equip graduate students and postdocs with the knowledge and skills to pursue academic careers.

Preparing Future Faculty Program (PFF)

PFF is a course designed to help you learn about higher education, faculty roles and 21st century challenges. Participants complete a teaching portfolio and gain job-shadow experience at a partnering institution of interest. Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/PFF

Educational Technologies (ET@MO)

ET@MO supports the meaningful use of technology to improve teaching and learning. The staff offers seminars and consultation about online course design, teaching technologies and best practices in online and hybrid learning. Learn more: etatmo.missouri.edu

Entering Mentoring

Effective mentoring is an essential skill for research team leaders and future faculty. Through the Entering Mentoring seminar series, you will acquire organizational, communication and coaching skills that will enable you to sustain healthy mentor-mentee relationships. Learn more: hhmi.missouri.edu/mentoring

Minor in College Teaching

The graduate minor in college teaching requires nine graduate credit hours and a teaching practicum. Courses might include college teaching methods, curriculum design, human learning and teaching with technology. Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/MICT

Graduate Assistant Teaching Orientation (GATO) and International Teaching Assistant Program (ITAP)

All graduate teaching assistants and instructors are encouraged to attend orientation. A year-long program is provided for international students who teach at MU. Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/GATO, gradstudies.missouri.edu/ITAP

Academic Job Search Resources

To help with your academic job search, we offer seminars on cover letters, interviewing, and salary and benefit negotiation. Online resources include a repository of handouts for developing teaching portfolios, philosophy statements, competitive CVs, academic cover letters and links to academic job-search engines. Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/professional-development/find-your-career
Mizzou offers unparalleled opportunities for graduate students to gain essential professional experience for careers beyond the academy while earning degrees. Take a look:

The MU School of Journalism, the oldest such school in the U.S., is home to the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute, an NBC-affiliate TV station, a daily newspaper, several magazines and a public radio station. Students in the Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs land prestigious internships in the federal government, the United Nations and NGOs, such as the Red Cross. Students of art, anthropology, and art history and archeology take advantage of MU’s fabulous artifacts, collections and museums where they gain research and educational outreach experience.

Music, fine arts and performing arts students participate in juried shows, concerts, recitals and performances at professional venues on and off campus.

The School of Health Professions and the Sinclair School of Nursing are connected to MU hospitals, an eldercare center, mental health and public health facilities, a rehabilitation center and numerous clinics.

Students in the MBA and executive MBA programs are highly engaged in case competitions, consulting and entrepreneurial endeavors, and they are mentored by highly successful Mizzou alumni.
Master of Public Health

The graduate certificate in global public health, part of Mizzou’s master of public health program, recognizes the interconnectedness of our global community. Recipients enhance their cultural competence and awareness of health challenges that require a global response, such as climate change and food and water security.

Recipients are also equipped to identify individual, organizational and community concerns, assets, resources, and deficits for community-based global health interventions. The certificate is ideal for students considering a career in the United Nations, the U.S. State Department overseas, the military, non-governmental organizations that operate outside of the U.S., or ministries of health in countries other than the U.S.

Innovative Technology and Health Professions Meet at TigerPlace

By 2030, one in five Americans, an estimated 71.5 million people, will be 65 or older. TigerPlace is an innovative, state-of-the-art, independent living facility — the only one of its kind in the U.S. licensed to help seniors “age in place.”

TigerPlace, a cooperative venture among nursing, engineering and other MU research programs, investigates the use of sensor technology to monitor and assess potential problems in the mobility and cognition of its residents. The elderly participants allow sensors to be installed in their homes for real-world testing, and graduate students help with research.

Find graduate degree programs: gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics
Mizzou graduates possess leadership skills for the 21st century.

Today’s successful job applicants possess knowledge of their disciplines and also have a capacity for leadership and transferable skills. These skills include critical thinking, ethical judgment, team work, project management, inclusive practices and communication. At Mizzou, graduate students hone transferable skills by assuming roles in student government, networking with campus leaders, attending seminars and engaging in service activities on and off campus.

Building Leadership Capacity

The Office of Graduate Studies provides the tools you need to create a customized professional-development plan. You can achieve your goals through leadership programs, graduate-level courses, non-credit seminar series, public-speaking contests, guest lectures, and an extensive online library for studying at your own convenience. Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/professional-development

Alt-AC Job Search Resources

As you approach graduation, learn how to market your leadership and transferable skills to prospective employers in business, industry, government, nonprofit, and higher education sectors. We offer seminars on competitive résumés, cover letters, interviewing, and salary and benefit negotiation. Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/professional-development/find-your-career

The Graduate Professional Council (GPC) is the official democratic government for graduate, professional and post-baccalaureate students. Several of our GPC members have assumed regional and national leadership positions with the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students.

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) represents the interests and needs of graduate students to the faculty and administrators. All graduate degree programs have designated representatives to GSA.

You might also join the Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students; Alternative Career Exploration in the Sciences; Graduate Peer Mentors; Latino/a Graduate & Professional Network; or Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science.

Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/professional-development
Our society is increasingly global and the implications for advanced studies are clear: Graduate students, regardless of their countries of origin, must develop cross-cultural competencies.

At MU, graduate students from more than 100 countries are learning how to work as a team and build professional competencies for the global workforce of the future. Students learn to communicate, cooperate, solve problems and innovate in a diverse and respectful environment.

These skills can lead to careers in global project management, communication and government and nongovernmental organizations worldwide. It’s a win-win situation for U.S. and international students at Mizzou.

Learn more: international.missouri.edu

Cultural Groups and Centers
MU offers workshops, clubs and centers for international guests, students and faculty. The MU International Center is the point of contact for visas and other processes related to international travel to and from the U.S. The center promotes hundreds of activities related to cross-cultural learning, global awareness and world issues.

Learn more: international.missouri.edu/get-involved

JOHN D. BIES INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP
Thanks to a generous endowment from John D. Bies, PhD ’72, MU doctoral candidates are expanding their cross-cultural competence by attending international conferences or conducting research activities outside of the U.S. Past recipients have traveled to China, Switzerland, South Africa and other countries. Bies believes students who experience other cultures and interact with people from diverse backgrounds are better prepared for a global society. Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/financials/
Multicultural Center and Black Culture Center
These centers provide a safe and inclusive space for students from marginalized and underrepresented identity groups to gather. The centers provide programs, training and resources that foster students' holistic development and supports their exploration of social justice issues, advocacy and activism. Through their efforts, the centers are helping to build a culturally-inclusive Mizzou where all persons have a voice and are treated with respect. Learn more: multiculturalcenter.missouri.edu; gobcc.missouri.edu

Housing Options
While many graduate students prefer to live off campus, the university offers a limited number of apartments available for married students, students with children and single graduate students 21 and older. Learn more: reslife.missouri.edu/graduate
If you are interested in living in the Columbia community, then you will be interested in MU’s off-campus living program sponsored by the university. This office gives newcomers up-to-date information about off-campus housing options and what questions to ask a prospective landlord. Learn more: offcampus.missouri.edu

For Graduate Students Who Are Parents
The University of Missouri Family Friendly Task Force continually monitors the ongoing needs of Mizzou families to ensure appropriate services are in place to support families and caregivers as well as students’ academic success. MU offers several educational child care settings. Parent Link and Cub Hub provide research-based resources and supervision for children, while parents have access to quiet, Wi-Fi equipped study spaces to focus on assignments.

The Child Development Lab is a research-based setting within the College of Human Environmental Sciences. The Family-Friendly Missouri website provides a listing of lactation stations, single-occupancy and accessible restrooms, diaper decks and other necessities. For more information: familyfriendly.missouri.edu/locations.html
The Association of Parenting Students sponsors activities and events that are family-friendly. The Women’s Center has a family room and a library with resources on pregnancy, birthing and parenting. Learn more: womenscenter.missouri.edu/student-parents

FEEL AT HOME, WHEREVER HOME IS
Columbia, or “CoMo” as the locals sometimes call it, is a lively college town full of arts, music, festivals and fun. US News & World Report calls us the “quintessential college town.” Money, Forbes and other print and online publications have picked Columbia as one of the best places to live in the U.S.

For a city of 115,000 people, Columbia has it all. Within mere blocks of campus are the conveniences you need: groceries, pharmacies, coffee shops with Wi-Fi, and a variety of restaurants. Want more? How about live music, art galleries, museums, indie films, farmers markets, festivals, clothing boutiques and artisan gift shops.

Love activity? The Columbia area offers 50-plus public parks and recreation areas. We have dog parks, lakes for swimming, boating and fishing, and numerous picnic areas. A system of trails leads cyclists and hikers directly from campus to the 225-mile Katy Trail, which stretches across the state along the Missouri River.

Community Diversity
Columbia attracts residents from all over the world, and we value and celebrate our diverse population. Our city is home to more than 100 places of worship, and international students will find grocery stores that stock foods and spices from home, natural food markets with fresh produce, and ethnic restaurants serving authentic cuisine.

Education
Columbia Public Schools serves about 18,000 students in four high schools, six middle schools and 19 elementary schools. Columbia also has 18 parochial and private schools, four special-needs training facilities, a career education center and a lifelong learning institute.

Affordability
The Columbia cost of living is consistently less than the national average, making it easier for graduate students to find safe and comfortable housing options. Columbia offers several competitively priced grocery, department and home-improvement stores as well as specialty stores.

Central Location
Mizzou is located in the middle of Missouri, about a two hour drive from St. Louis or Kansas City. Our regional airport provides daily jet service, and you can take a shuttle bus to Chicago, St. Louis or Kansas City. Amtrak train service is only a half hour away in the state capital, Jefferson City. Learn more: visitcolumbiamo.com
Graduate Student Medical Insurance Program

The university offers a Student Health Plan for purchase. This plan is voluntary for domestic students and mandatory for international students.

Students must re-enroll for the insurance each period to continue annual or semester-by-semester coverage. Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/financials

Health Care

The MU Student Health Services Center provides medical care, behavioral health services and a variety of wellness programs. Learn more: studenthealth.missouri.edu

MU Health Care is led by 550 MU faculty physicians trained in 117 specialty areas serving patients at four hospitals, a cancer center and 50 clinics.

Safety

Learn more about campus safety: mupolice.missouri.edu
Learn more about community safety: bit.ly/1hMvFlF

MU Student Recreation Complex

Mizzou students don’t sit still for long. MizzouRec houses: the Jungle Gym, featuring a high energy, 100-station cardio gallery, wall-to-wall strength training equipment, and the Fitness Showcase, an official collegiate test site for several high-end equipment brands; and the Pump Room, where you can lift more than 6,300 kilograms of free weights (just not all at the same time). There’s also the four-pool Mizzou Aquatic Center, complete with waterfall, sauna and sunshine. And that’s just the tip of the iceberg. For more, visit mizzourec.com.

Fitness

Columbia offers a community Activity and Recreation Center with child care service; public and private golf courses; a skate park; a disc club; and numerous private health clubs and spas. Learn more: mizzourec.com

MKT Trail

Just off campus is the MKT Trail (short for the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad that once followed the same route), a scenic path for cyclists and joggers that connects to the state’s Katy Trail system. For detailed maps download the CoMo Trails app for iPhone and Android.
GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS OFFER TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) and International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) are supervised by graduate faculty. Responsibilities might include assisting faculty with teaching, grading, tutoring or preparing learning materials.

Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs) are supervised by graduate faculty, principal investigators and/or postdoctoral fellows. Roles and responsibilities might include serving on a research team, assisting with laboratory procedures, collecting and analyzing data, scholarship and learning about research ethics and compliance.

Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

The PFF Postdoctoral Fellowship Program provides recent MU Ph.D. graduates and/or current postdoctoral fellows with an opportunity to serve as mentored faculty members at MU, to more fully prepare them for their careers. Fellows are invited to develop discipline-based or interdisciplinary courses or teach prepared courses in their discipline. Learn more: postdoc.missouri.edu/current

Graduate Awards for Teaching, Research and Scholarship

Students who perform exemplary work have many opportunities for special recognition. Some awards carry a monetary prize. MU degree programs, schools and colleges, student groups and other entities offer awards. A few examples:

- Distinguished Dissertation Award
- Distinguished Master's Thesis Award
- Donald K. Anderson Teaching Assistant Award
- Donald K. Anderson Research Assistant Award
- Gamma Alpha Gamma Dissertation Year Fellowships
- Nancy and Bill Laurie Scholarship
- Raymond White Dissertation Year Fellowships
- Superior Graduate Achievement Award

Learn more about graduate assistantships, fellowships and awards: gradstudies.missouri.edu/financials
Fellowships and Scholarships
Mizzou graduate fellowships are awarded to graduate degree programs on a competitive basis to fund a select number of students. External fellowships and scholarships are sponsored by the government, private foundations, nonprofit organizations and professional societies. Students must apply for external fellowships independently, normally about a year in advance of beginning graduate study. Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/financials

Office of Financial Success
The Office of Financial Success provides personal counseling sessions, group workshops and seminars for those seeking assistance with their financial wellness. Services include budgeting, financial planning, credit- and debit-card management, and managing student debt. Learn more: ofsmizzou.org

Graduate Student Tuition Support Program (GSTSP)
Graduate assistantships are paid positions that help students gain professional teaching and research experience. Assistantships vary from 10 to 20 hours per week. Depending on the type of graduate assistantship, the GSTSP might provide tuition support (i.e., fee remission). Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/financials/tuition-support-program

MU Cashiers
The MU Office of Cashiers provides current tuition and fees information for domestic and international students. Learn more: financialaid.missouri.edu/cost-of-attendance/graduate.php

Need Employment?
Learn about campus employment from MU Human Resources: hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job
Learn about MU Health careers: muhealth.org/jobseeker
Learn about job openings in the community: columbiatribune.com/classifieds/jobs
Search for jobs at Hire Mizzou Tigers: hiremizzoutigers.com
Before applying to Mizzou, contact the degree program(s) of interest to you to confirm admission requirements, deadlines and required application materials. Typically, you will be asked to submit a curriculum vitae or résumé, statement of purpose and letters of recommendation. Test scores, writing samples and other items also might be required.

To connect to a program, start here: gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/programs/
Degree-seeking, non-degree-seeking and certificate-seeking applicants apply online. Dual enrollment, online students and re-admitted students have slightly different processes. To learn how to apply, you can start here: gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions

Professional Degrees
The University of Missouri’s School of Law, School of Medicine and College of Veterinary Medicine have a separate application process. To learn more: missouri.edu/colleges-schools

**APPLYING TO A GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM IS EASY**

As long as you have submitted the application and all other required materials by the deadline:

1. Your application will be reviewed by an admissions committee within the degree program you selected. The committee decides who will be accepted, based on additional eligibility requirements of that degree program.
2. The degree program sends the Office of Graduate Studies a recommendation about your application.
3. The Office of Graduate Studies thoroughly reviews your application to make certain you meet MU’s minimum admission requirements. International applicants must provide additional documentation for immigration purposes before admission can be finalized.
4. If (a) you are recommended by the degree program, (b) you meet MU’s admission requirements and (c) all of the required documentation has been received, the Office of Graduate Studies will send you an official letter of acceptance to the University of Missouri.

Questions? Our friendly team of admissions advisers are more than happy to help you.
Send an email to gradadmin@missouri.edu or call 573-882-6311 or 800-877-6312 (US only)
Stephanie Shonekan
Department Chair of Black Studies and Associate Professor of Ethnomusicology and Black Studies

Dr. Shonekan earned a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology and folklore, with a minor in African American studies, from Indiana University. Her dual heritage combining West Africa with the West Indies allows her to straddle the black world comfortably. She has published two books, numerous journal articles and a short film that received first place at two international film festivals.

Angela Speck
Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy

Originally from Yorkshire, England, Dr. Speck focuses her research on stellar evolution, astromineralogy and the study of dust around evolved stars. Her research is funded by four grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF), and she regularly collaborates with researchers in the other disciplines of geology, chemistry and mineral physics to fully understand the environments and processes involved. Dr. Speck is also a recipient of a Kemper Award, which recognizes teaching excellence.

Frank Booth
Professor of biomedical sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Booth's two main research areas have to do with exercise and aging. The first focuses on elucidating mechanisms underlying the decreases in physical activity that begin early in life. The second seeks to understand why cardiorespiratory fitness declines as an organism ages. Dr. Booth is so dedicated to his work that he gave $1 million to MU’s College of Veterinary Medicine and School of Medicine to fund graduate student fellowships and his own research.
We’re Green

Over the past two decades, MU has decreased energy consumption by 19 percent and decreased water consumption by 39 percent. MU recycles 29 percent of its solid waste, with a goal of 50 percent. Mizzou also boasts a biomass boiler that uses regionally sourced fuel, a full-cycle composting program that reduces food waste at campus dining facilities and the student-run nonprofit group Sustain Mizzou.

Campus visits provide meaningful opportunities to meet faculty, staff and students in your program of interest. Take in the full Mizzou experience!

We recommend contacting the director of graduate studies in the academic program you are considering to set up a visit. Directors are faculty members appointed for each program on campus. They welcome questions from prospective students and most are available for in-person or SKYPE meetings.

For a list of degree program directors, visit:gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/directors

MU Campus Online Tour: admissions.missouri.edu/online-tour/
Campus Visitors page: missouri.edu/visitors
Academic Units

College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
  School of Natural Resources
College of Arts and Science
  School of Music
Robert J. Trulaske Sr.
  College of Business
  School of Accountancy
College of Education
  School of Information Science and Learning Technologies
College of Engineering
  School of Health Professions
College of Human
  Environmental Sciences
  School of Social Work
School of Journalism
School of Law
School of Medicine
Sinclair School of Nursing
Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs
College of Veterinary Medicine

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