GRADUATE STUDIES
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 and engineering 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.

CULTIVATE INTERDISCIPLINARY SEEDS

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 bit.ly/1gXNqhg

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

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. Mizzou 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

GRADUATE STUDIES 3
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

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 practice 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

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 and templates for developing teaching portfolios, philosophy statements, competitive CVs, academic cover letters and academic job-search engines. Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/professional-development/find-your-career

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

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.

GROW PROFESSIONALLY
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.
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: bit.ly/1gXNqhg

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 shrinking 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.

Building Leadership Capacity

The Office of Graduate Studies provides the tools you need to create a customized professional-development plan for your career aspirations. You can achieve your goals through leadership institutes, 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: bit.ly/1OBfGv5

Job Search Resources

As you approach graduation, learn how to market your leadership and transferrable 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

GET HANDS-ON LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AT MIZZOU

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: bit.ly/1L7r8l1
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: bit.ly/1L59Y7J

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

Multicultural Center
The MU Multicultural Center is a safe and comfortable space for students of all identities and backgrounds. As a place for identity exploration and reclamation, the center works to address the needs of underrepresented populations and provide a supportive home away from home. Learn more: multiculturalcenter.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 that 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 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

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: residlife.missouri.edu/apartments

If you are interested in living in the Columbia community, then you will be interested in MU’s off-campus living programs 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

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: bit.ly/1FpucxKn

GLOBAL MIZZOU

FEEL AT HOME, WHEREVER HOME IS
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 width of the state along the Missouri River.

Graduate Student Medical Insurance Program
The university offers accident and sickness insurance for both international and domestic students. This plan is voluntary for domestic students and mandatory for international students.

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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

MKT Trail
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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.
GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS OFFER TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) and International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) are supervised by graduate faculty. Roles and responsibilities might include teaching your own course or section, or assisting in a course through 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 mentor 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: gradstudies.missouri.edu/PFF

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 assistantships and fellowships: gradstudies.missouri.edu/financials
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

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 may provide tuition support (i.e., fee remission). Learn more: gradstudies.missouri.edu/financials/tuition-support-program

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: bit.ly/1IPnmzg

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

Need Employment?
Learn about campus employment from MU Human Resources: hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job
Learn about MU Health careers: mubealth.org/jobseeker
Learn about job openings in the community: columbustribune.com/classifieds/jobs
Search for jobs at Hire Mizzou Tigers: hiremizzoutigers.com

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APPLYING TO A GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM IS EASY

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, but test scores, writing samples and other items also might be required.

To connect to a program, you can start here:
gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics

In most cases, degree-seeking, non-degree-seeking and certificate-seeking applicants will apply online.

Dual enrollment, online students and re-admitted students have slightly different processes.

1. Your application will be reviewed by the degree program you selected. The admissions committee for each academic program 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 that 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)

WHAT HAPPEN After YOU APPLY?

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

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.

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.

Earnest Perry
Associate professor of journalism

A University of Missouri alumnus, Dr. Perry researches the media and civil rights as well as how journalists can be more effective in communicating with communities of color. He helped establish the doctoral teaching program at the MU School of Journalism, and he has served on various national, university and school committees, including tenure as the president of American Journalism Historians Association. Dr. Perry also won the O.O. McIntyre Professorship for Teaching Excellence, an award he earned for his devotion to his students and his dedication to mentoring young faculty.
Visiting Campus

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. Meeting with prospective students is the highlight of their day. Try to make appointments in advance.

For a list of degree program directors, visit: bit.ly/1EBT4ku

MU Campus Virtual Tour: admissions.missouri.edu/visit/virtual-tours

Campus Visitors page: missouri.edu/visitors

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. 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.

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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ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT
The University of Missouri saved these valuable resources by using recycled paper that contains a minimum of 30 percent post-consumer waste, was manufactured with electricity in the form of renewable energy (wind, hydro, biogas) and was processed chlorine-free.

Calculations based on research by Environmental Defense and other members of the Paper Task Force.