



Teaching Graduate Students: Choices, Choices, Choices
Graduate Faculty Professional Development Day August
13, 2025 – Allen 101 (except for SEED Hub Tour)

8:30 – 9:00

Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00

Session 1 – AI - GenAI in 2025: Pedagogical Progress and Pitfalls

Dr. Adam Franssen, Professor of Biology and CAFE AI Consultant

Generative AI tools are rapidly evolving as companies seek new multimodal capabilities to augment the workforce. Thus, it may be that graduate education could shift from cautious experimentation to more strategic integration. This session explores emerging trends surrounding GenAI in terms of changing attitudes toward AI in teaching and research, best practices for those choosing to use AI in teaching, and evolving challenges related to academic integrity. Join us to examine both the promise and the pitfalls of GenAI in shaping the future of graduate pedagogy.

10:00 – 10:15

Break

10:15 – 11:15

Session 2 – Engaging Teaching and Learning with Canvas Studio

Ashley Leslie, Director of the Digital Education Collaborative

In this session, faculty will discover how to create interactive and engaging course content with Canvas Studio, the new video tool built right in Canvas. Participants will learn how to create and share video content, embed quizzes and comments in videos, and use video analytics to track student engagement. We'll also explore ways students can use Studio for presentations and peer feedback, making video a two-way learning resource.

11:15 – 12:15

Graduate Update

Dr. Jeannine Perry and Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson, College of Graduate & Prof. Studies

Updates and news you need to know from the College of Graduate and Professional Studies to kick off the year.

12:15 – 1:00

Lunch / Network

1:00 – 2:00

Session 3 – Future Funding

Dr. Alix Fink, Associate Provost for Research and Academic Initiatives

Though the landscape of federal grants is currently dynamic and unsettled, many opportunities exist for external funding of scholarly projects large and small. In this session, we will discuss strategies for defining those projects, exploring potential funding opportunities, and drawing on key resources to support proposal development. Longwood supports grantseekers with internal supports from our Office of Research, Grants, and Sponsored Projects and with external supports through our partnership with Hanover Research. Learn more about grant seeking and proposal development in this introductory session.

2:00 – 2:20

Break / Travel time to SEED Hub

2:20 – 3:15

Session 4 - Planting SEEDs!

Evan Jones, Director of the SEED Innovation Hub

You can walk (or drive) over from Allen Hall for a tour of the SEED Hub to see all it has to offer our students and the community. Following our tour (or as we go along), we can brainstorm ideas of how we might be able to best utilize this new resource in our graduate programs.