The Graduate School Office of Professional Development is committed to graduate student success. We coordinate skill-building programs in a variety of areas and partner with units across campus to offer hundreds of events each year, for example:

- **Beyond the Tenure Track** - a series on career exploration and job search strategy for non-academic employment
- **For Future Faculty** - a series that prepares graduate students for careers as research and teaching faculty
- **National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity** - the university has a membership to this organization that provides advice on writing practice, dealing with stress, navigating department politics, and much more
- **Project Management** - a workshop that enhances leadership, management, collaboration, and teamwork skills
- **Three Minute Thesis** - an international competition that builds skills for communicating science to the public
- **Versatile PhD** - an online resource to help graduate students identify and prepare for non-academic careers

We encourage graduate students to be proactive through use of **Individual Development Plans**. To support graduate students and their mentors, we offer a collection of IDP resources, face-to-face workshops, and the following tools:

- **Imagine PhD** - a career exploration and planning tool for graduate students in the humanities and social sciences
- **MyIDP** - a career-planning resource from the AAAS, tailored to meet the needs of STEM graduate students
- **DiscoverPD** - an online tool, developed for UW–Madison master’s and doctoral students, that prompts users to assess their confidence across various competencies. It generates a custom report with recommendations for improvement.

**SKILLS FRAMEWORK linked to LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

- **320+** events in the graduate student professional development calendar, led by expert facilitators and trainers

**SELF-ASSESSMENT that delivers CUSTOMIZED RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **440+** opportunities in the DiscoverPD database, searchable by instructional mode (online and in-person), time commitment, and competency

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