



*Graduate and  
Professional Student*

# **GUIDE TO GETTING INVOLVED**



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE



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# GET INVOLVED

*at The Ohio State University*

## **What Opportunities Exist for Graduate and Professional Students at Ohio State?**

That's what this guide is all about. Flip through the pages to get ideas about what path you'll choose. Whether it's by joining a student organization, playing an intramural sport, volunteering in the community or diving into any of Ohio State's other amazing opportunities, you'll discover that there's no place quite like The Ohio State University!

## **Who Should Pursue These Opportunities?**

Ohio State's expectation is that every graduate and professional student finds at least one meaningful activity outside of their program to complement their academic study. Involvement is not just for undergraduates!

## **Why Should I Get Involved?**

When compared to uninvolved students, those who get involved are more likely to succeed in their program, establish a network of friends, organize their time better, manage their stress more effectively and most importantly—graduate! Getting involved also helps prepare you for your career and enables you to enjoy the Buckeye experience to the absolute fullest!

## **When Should I Get Involved?**

That's a decision that's completely up to you. Many students start getting involved within their first semester, so that they can start meeting people and getting connected. Others wait a few weeks, a couple of months or even a whole semester to get used to classes and establish a schedule for studying, work, exercise, etc. Both are perfectly good strategies, but we recommend getting started within the first semester.

## **How Do I Get Started?**

This guide is full of suggestions for offices, websites and organizations to which you can go for more information. Here are some other tips:

- Attend the grad/prof involvement and resource fair at the beginning of the autumn semester.
- Check the OUAB, CGS, IPC or Student Life calendar for events and opportunities. Talk with advanced students in your program or representative to your student government.
- If it's more comfortable for you, start out by getting into things that you did in undergrad. Once you get established, you can move on to things you can only try while you're here.

**Great opportunities are almost everywhere you turn on campus...  
*but don't wait for them to come to you!***



## OUAB GRAD/PROF INFO

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### **The mission of the Ohio Union Activities Board Grad/Prof**

OUAB Grad/Prof strives to design and execute programs that are intentionally created to enhance the graduate and professional student experience. Graduate and Professional student programming is structured around five key areas: personal development, professional growth, social activities, family programs and special events.

### **Personal Development**

The personal development series includes a set of activities in which students improve awareness of themselves and their identities. It is the goal of these activities to help students develop talents and potential, enhance their quality of life and contribute to the realization of dreams and aspirations.

#### Personal Development Programs:

- OUABe Fit Series (Yoga, ZUMBA®, Pilates, Barre None, Kickboxing)
- Cupcakes and Canvases with Soul Palette
- Wellness Wednesdays Series with the Student Wellness Center (Financial Workshops, Intuitive Eating Principles, Imposter Syndrome, Art Therapy, etc.)
- Instructional Kitchens

### **Professional Growth**

The professional growth series features a number of structured activities in which students work with various partners from the university and in the city of Columbus. This series assists students in developing skills, qualifications and experiences that will enhance their ability to progress through their careers.

#### Professional Development Programs:

- Preparing for the Academic Job Search
- Preparing for the Non-Academic Job Search
- Daring the Doctoral Degree
- Technical Tuesday Series (How to Create a Good Poster Presentation, Developing a Strong Technical Talk, Tax Preparation, Time Management)
- Etiquette Dinners

## Social Activities

OUAB Grad/Prof's social activities allow for students to interact and network with students among and between different graduate and professional programs. In order to create overall balance for students, the social activities allow for students to develop a sense of community and promote the development of friendships outside of their academic programs.

Social Activities Include:

- Grad/Prof Quiz Night
- Happy Hours
- Socials
- Experience Columbus Events

## Family Programs

Because many of our graduate and professional students have spouses, partners and children, OUAB Grad/Prof has developed a series of programs in which the families of the students are incorporated into the student experience.

Family Programs Include:

- Family Friendly Cooking and Painting Classes
- Sibs and Kids Weekend Programs
- Fall Festivals
- Family Friendly Excursions into Columbus

## Special Events

The Grad/Prof committee hosts a number of special events throughout the year. These events often overlap the four previously mentioned categories and give students opportunities to interact and mingle among and between professional and graduate programs. Students often provide input as to the direction of these events.

Special Programs have Included:

- Valentine's Day Ball
- Fall and Spring Picnics
- Dinner and a Show



Dear Graduate Student,

On behalf of the Council of Graduate Students, welcome to The Ohio State University! Whether you'll be here for one year or the next several, CGS is always here to support you as you work toward earning a graduate degree. You will soon find that Ohio State and the City of Columbus have a wealth of opportunities to offer you. If you are new to the area, I encourage you to check out the exciting cultural, artistic, culinary, outdoor, and sporting opportunities in the University District, Short North Arts District, and City of Columbus as a whole. I'd also like to provide you some additional information about CGS and the exciting opportunities it may offer you!

The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the official representative body for all of Ohio State's approximately 11,000 graduate students. We advocate for the needs and interests of every graduate student and strive to help make the graduate student experience at Ohio State the best it can be. During these challenging times, that work has never been more important. Our full delegate body meets once per month; each program and department is served by one or more delegates. One feature of our monthly general delegate meetings is the "Delegate Issues and Concerns" segment, where your delegate(s) can bring forward important issues that may be impacting you and work toward solutions with fellow graduate students and university administrators. I encourage you to learn who your delegate is and contact them with any questions or for assistance. You can find them under <https://cgs.osu.edu/leadership/delegates/>. On a side note, if your department or unit's seat is currently vacant and you'd like to join us, we're happy to have you! Just reach out to me or Vice President Katie Conner at [conner.280@osu.edu](mailto:conner.280@osu.edu).

One special aspect of the Council is that we are written into the University's governing documents; as such, we are treated as valued stakeholders in the University's shared governance model. In addition to our delegates from each program, we also elect ten Senators to serve on the University Senate and select over 200 graduate students to serve on various university committees alongside faculty, staff, and administrators. After settling into your new academic program, consider getting involved in one of the many ways CGS offers you. You can find information about the service opportunities available at the University scale under [cgs.osu.edu/committees](https://cgs.osu.edu/committees). Additionally, our Executive Committee and other various internal committees provide opportunities for graduate students to engage one another beyond our respective departments through programs, activities, and grants, created by and for graduate students. Make sure you stay up-to-date on all this and other important graduate student news and events by following CGS on Twitter @CGSOSU!

As a graduate student, you automatically pay the Student Activity Fee each semester, which provides many opportunities to participate in free or substantially reduced cost activities on campus and in our city. Be sure to check out the offerings by the Ohio Union Activities Board Graduate and Professional Student Programming Committee (OUAB Grad/Prof). They offer a wide variety of free programs from cooking classes to professional development seminars to social and family programs. One of the most cost-effective ways to explore Columbus – from concerts to sporting events to museums to plays and even the zoo—is through the Discount Ticket Program (D-Tix) housed at the Ohio Union Information Center. Remember that while your education is a major priority, taking care of yourself comes above everything else, and taking advantage of some of these opportunities may be just what you need to recharge and be more productive with your work.

I hope you will join us for our Welcome Week activities whether virtually or in person. On a personal note, please know that I am always here for you, be it to field concerns or to simply lend an ear of support. You can reach me at any time at [clavoabbass.1@osu.edu](mailto:clavoabbass.1@osu.edu), and feel free to stop by the CGS office in 2088 Ohio Union. I would love to pour you a coffee or tea and get to know you better! I hope you'll accept my best wishes for the start of your time here with us at Ohio State.

Warmly,

Jorge E. Clavo Abbass  
President, Council of Graduate Students





## COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS INFO

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The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the official representative body of the over 10,000 graduate students at Ohio State. CGS promotes and provides academic, administrative and social programs for the university community in general and for graduate students in particular.

The primary purpose of the organization is to work towards continual improvement of the graduate student experience at The Ohio State University. CGS Officers, Committee Chairs and Delegates serve as staunch advocates in the process of constructing university policy-making decisions. Our competitive funding programs and “graduate-centered” programming support the personal and professional development of all graduate students.

CGS delegates are elected from every graduate program and are responsible for communicating concerns and representing the opinions and interests of their constituents at our monthly meetings. Effective delegates strive to serve as key contacts and sources of information for the graduate students within their departments and for their constituents. University Senators are elected from each of 10 academic areas and are responsible for crafting, debating and voting on legislation that governs the University through committees and regular meetings of the Senate. Senators should strive to be aware of the issues affecting their college and to fully understand the impact of policies that are enacted by the Senate.

*CGS specifically serves and supports graduate students in the following ways:*

- Officially representing graduate student interest in university governance through the appointment of over 100 graduate students to university committees
- Providing an outlet for the graduate student community to discuss and engage issues related to their interests at the university
- Organizing the Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum, annually for over 30 years
- Providing travel funds of up to \$1000 per person annually to present research at professional conferences through the Edward J. Ray Travel Award for Scholarship and Service
- Providing funds of up to \$350 per person for a broad array professional development experiences through the Career Development Grant
- Providing funds for international research travel in partnership with Global Gateways and the Graduate School through the Global Gateway Graduate Student Research Abroad Grant
- Seeking competitive compensation for graduate assistantships

More information is available at [cgs.osu.edu](https://cgs.osu.edu).

Welcome Buckeyes! It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the start of your journey at one of the nation's top universities. Currently, The Ohio State University is one of only a handful of institutions in the United States that is directly associated with six professional colleges: Law, Dentistry, Optometry, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine.

The world is constantly changing, and we, as professional students are the future of the facilitation of positive change. We are striving, as individuals, as a student body, and as a nation, to create a more just and equitable society by practicing cultural humility and patience. We experienced first-hand a public health crisis that has proven to subside only with the help of science, compromise, and unity—values integral to the inter-professional community. But one thing that has not changed is our drive and determination to make the world a better place—one patient, one client, at a time.

My name is Olivia LeRoux, and I have the pleasure and privilege of serving as the President of the Inter-Professional Council (IPC), a student government run by and for all professional students at The Ohio State University. Our 48 IPC senators, 8 elected representatives from each professional college, represent the professional student voice in a range of university committees, including but not limited to the Council of Student Affairs, the Council on Academic Affairs, the University Senate, and the Athletic Council. IPC senators work to advocate for our constituents and share the unique concerns and values the inter-professional students hold with the broader Ohio State community.

IPC proudly provides funding for student organizations hosting meaningful and educational events that benefit the inter-professional community as well as individual students' professional development opportunities. Senators within each college are eager to assist professional students in pursuing this funding. In addition, IPC hosts a number of social events throughout the year to promote inter-professional networking and raise money for local charities. We strive to tailor our events to what best fits our student body; our commitment to supporting you is constant.

This coming year IPC will be sponsoring events such as the Inter-Professional Summit, the charity Drag Show, and a few service opportunities to support our OSU community. Last year, with the help of professional students, we raised funds to support both the Kaleioscope Youth Center and the Buckeye Food Alliance. Each event IPC hosts is structured to captivate the interest of all professional students while fostering a safe environment for learning, collaborating, and networking.

IPC is here to support you through your professional school journey and to enhance your experience as a Buckeye. While there is no doubt you will be working hard in your program, I encourage you to take the time to get involved in IPC events and enjoy all that Ohio State and Columbus have to offer! We are the university student government for ALL professional students, so please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do to better serve you or if you would like to get involved. For more information on IPC, please visit our new website at [ipc.osu.edu](http://ipc.osu.edu). You can also find us on Instagram (@ohiostate\_ipc) and Twitter (@ohiostate\_ipc). You are welcome to reach out to me at [leroux.16@osu.edu](mailto:leroux.16@osu.edu) to voice any concerns or to learn more about our organization.

Again, from all your Inter-Professional Council representatives, welcome to The Ohio State University and Go Bucks!

Warmest Regards,

Olivia LeRoux



## INTER-PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL

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The Inter-Professional Council (IPC) is the representative body of the approximately 3,800 professional students enrolled in the colleges of Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine. IPC dedicates itself to the betterment of higher education and student life at The Ohio State University on behalf of all professional students. The 36 Senators and 6 Justices are elected representatives, however all professional students are members of the organization. IPC welcomes concerns from students and provides services ranging from funding for professional development to hosting social events. IPC also appoints students to various university committees, serving as a voice for professional students across all of university governance.

*IPC specifically serves and supports professional students in the following ways:*

- Providing funds of up to \$750 per person for a broad array of professional development experiences through the Professional Development Fund (PDF)
- Providing opportunities to participate in philanthropic activities such as the Charity Soccer Tournament and the Charity Volleyball Tournament which benefit an array of charities
- Hosting the annual Health Professionals Summit
- Sponsoring monthly social activities for all professional students

More information is available at [ipc.osu.edu](http://ipc.osu.edu).







# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

## at The Ohio State University

*The Graduate School is here to provide a central resource to prepare and sustain graduate programs for excellence, ensure the integrity and quality of the graduate programs, share knowledge and best practices to support the advancement of graduate students and programs, nurture career development and a positive culture for the next generation of learned scholars, such that our alumni value their education, and appreciate the importance of their graduate colleagues and programs.*

### Graduate School Vision for Students

Creating a vision for each student's success is very important at the Graduate School. We aspire to be a national leader with robust and impactful advanced education programs to produce skilled, diverse graduates that will be successful, sought-after leaders in knowledge, innovative and creative; as well as embody an awareness and engagement of individual and societal inclusion, to influence the world.

### Goals for Student Engagement

Engagement starts with developing a culture that allows students to capitalize on their skills and knowledge as they work with the robust faculty and staff within the university. The goals of the Graduate School showcase this belief through delivering a comprehensive graduate course curriculum, strong interaction of the Graduate School across the university, delivery of awards and scholarships, supporting the nurturing of students from intersectional, underserved backgrounds, providing governance to ensure integrity, fairness, efficiently administering services and guidelines, and creating alumni that have had a positive graduate studies experience.

### Initiatives for Student Involvement

We are here to support all students regardless of the needs across our various teams covering: enrollment and registration; degree completion and graduation; diversity and recruitment; engagement and development.

Here are some examples of other resources that we provide to aid students at OSU:

- Career Development – [gradsch.osu.edu/career-development](https://gradsch.osu.edu/career-development)
- Research Resources – [gradsch.osu.edu/research-resources](https://gradsch.osu.edu/research-resources)
- Funding Opportunities – [gradsch.osu.edu/funding](https://gradsch.osu.edu/funding)
- Degree Options – [gradsch.osu.edu/degree-options](https://gradsch.osu.edu/degree-options)
- Social, Wellness, Student Life – [gradsch.osu.edu/social-wellness-life](https://gradsch.osu.edu/social-wellness-life)
- Financial Education – [gradsch.osu.edu/financial-education](https://gradsch.osu.edu/financial-education)

### Locating the Graduate School and Graduate Student Amenities

All students should come and visit us at the home of the Graduate School, 250 University Hall on the north west end of the Oval next to Thompson Library. We also have many resources available to work with you digitally in and out of our offices. One example is that you should already be receiving a graduate student edition of OnCampus Weekly each Sunday with a column by Dean Bertone and specific news designed specifically for graduate students. We are always available if you have a question or a problem. Call, email or stop in:

- Graduate School | 250 University Hall | 230 N. Oval Mall | Columbus, Ohio 43210  
[gradsch.osu.edu](https://gradsch.osu.edu) | [grad-schoolosu@osu.edu](mailto:grad-schoolosu@osu.edu) | 414-292-6031

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# CAMPUS EVENTS



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Ohio State is one of the most exciting universities in the nation when it comes to events on campus! Attending those events and helping to plan them are both great ways to get involved and meet people. The Student Activity Fee you pay each semester creates literally hundreds of free events every year.

## **The Ohio Union Activities Board (OUAB)**

The Ohio Union Activities Board, the student programming organization at Ohio State, strives to provide diverse programs and events that are educational, entertaining and thought provoking for the students of the Columbus campus. OUAB plans and executes over 200 free events throughout the year for undergraduate, graduate and professional students. Recent events have featured performers and public figures such as Jaden Smith, Trixie Mattel, Tom Daley, Jennette McCurdy, Big Time Rush, and Janelle James, as well as interactive events like bringing skating and roller rinks. Be sure to follow @OUAB on Instagram so that you don't miss out on big event announcements and ticket release dates.

## **Ohio State Signature Events**

Some of Ohio State's most prominent and traditional student events receive Student Activity Fee funds and are designated as Signature Events. Some of those events are described below. Others include Taste of OSU, African Night, RUOK Day, Thanksgiving Dinner, Light Up The Lake, International Student Welcome Party, TEDxOhioStateUniversity, HackOHIO, National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Stroll Off and African American Heritage Festival. Visit [activities.osu.edu/programs/signature\\_events](https://activities.osu.edu/programs/signature_events) for more info.

## **Welcome Week**

Welcome Week features dozens of events during the first week of autumn semester. Highlights of the week include the Student Involvement Fair, Buckeye Kick-off, a large outdoor movie sponsored by OUAB, and a Graduate and Professional Student Welcome Picnic. Find the whole schedule at [welcomeweek.osu.edu](https://welcomeweek.osu.edu).

## **Homecoming**

Homecoming offers Buckeye spirit and enthusiasm through a variety of events occurring the week leading up to the Homecoming football game. Don't miss the annual Homecoming Parade, which is a great event for the whole family. Be sure to visit [homecoming.osu.edu](https://homecoming.osu.edu) to learn about other events and opportunities connected with Homecoming.

## Involvement Fairs

Near the beginning of each semester, the Office of Student Life's Student Activities hosts special table fairs where you can meet members of Ohio State student organizations, departments, community agencies. The Autumn and Spring Involvement Fairs are a must if you want to get a leg up on getting involved. The beginning of the Autumn semester also features a special Graduate/Professional Student Involvement and Resource Fair. Visit [go.osu.edu/SIF](http://go.osu.edu/SIF) for more details.

## Commencement Week

Commencement Week is a series of events taking place during the end of the autumn and spring semesters. The week is celebrated during finals week to appreciate all graduating undergraduate, graduate and professional students, providing an opportunity for graduates and their families to celebrate their momentous achievement! The Candlelight Ceremony takes place the evening before Commencement, featuring the university president and graduating students are selected to serve as the featured speakers of the program. This special tradition where we sing Carmen Ohio under the stars, is something no graduating student should miss. Check out [commencementweek.osu.edu](http://commencementweek.osu.edu) for more info.

## BuckeyeThon

BuckeyeThon is the largest student-run philanthropy on campus, raising over \$13 million in its history. It is a year-long fundraiser, culminating in a 12-hour dance marathon at The Ohio State University. Money raised supports Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network. During the event, enthusiastic morale captains host activities, games and challenges for the dancers. Visit [buckeyethon.osu.edu](http://buckeyethon.osu.edu) for more info!

## Disability Awareness Month

During April, Student Life Disability Services celebrates Disability Awareness Month by hosting numerous activities, such as wheelchair basketball, beep ball, movie viewings, art exhibitions and dancing wheels. See [ods.osu.edu](http://ods.osu.edu) for event info.

## Parent & Family Weekend and Sibs & Kids Weekend

Parent and Family Relations sponsors Parent and Family Weekend each fall and Sibs & Kids Weekend each spring. Parent and Family Weekend features three days of great events for the whole family to connect with Ohio State. During Sibs & Kids Weekend, Ohio State students can invite any younger sibling, niece, nephew, cousin or friend of the family to experience the excitement of Ohio State and some special events planned just for them. Go to [parent.osu.edu](http://parent.osu.edu) for more details.





# SIGNATURE EVENTS

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## Autumn Events

### Welcome Week

OUAB

### Student Involvement Fair

Student Organization Success Coaches

### International Student Welcome Party

International Friendships

### Block 'O' Rivalry Run

Block 'O'

### Homecoming Parade and Celebration

OUAB

### National Pan-Hellenic Council Stroll Competition

National Pan-Hellenic Council

### Blood Battle (Blood Drive)

The Buckeye Blood Club

### HackOHI/O

HackOHI/O

### Thanksgiving Dinner

Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Office of International Affairs

### African Night

African Youth League

### Light Up the Lake

Ohio Staters, Inc.

### Autumn Commencement Week

OUAB



**Welcome Back Week**

OUAB

**Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month**

Student Life Multicultural Center

**Spring Student Involvement Fair**

Student Organization Success Coaches

**Taste of OSU**

Office of International Affairs

**Spring Musical and Spring Play**

Off the Lake Productions

**TedxOhioStateUniversity Main Event**

TedxOhioStateUniversity

**African American Heritage Festival**

Student Life: African American Leadership Consortium

**Buckeye Nation Week**

OUAB

**RUOK Day**

Buckeye Campaign Against Suicide

**Time for Change Week**

Time for Change Week

**Spring Commencement Week**

OUAB



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See [activities.osu.edu/programs/signature\\_events](https://activities.osu.edu/programs/signature_events) for dates and details!

Brought to you by your Student Activity Fee.

# D-TIX PROGRAM

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The Discount Ticket Program at the Ohio Union (D-Tix) funded by the Student Activity Fee, is offered exclusively to Ohio State students to provide undergraduate, graduate and professional students access to hundreds of events at a discounted rate.

Students also have an opportunity to experience events in surrounding areas of Columbus at a great price. Students can get their Discounted Tickets at the Information Center in the Ohio Union. Select ticketed events require online registration through the D-Tix Lottery System. Be sure to check out the D-Tix website and sign up for weekly e-mail updates at [dtix.osu.edu](http://dtix.osu.edu). You can also contact D-Tix at 614-688-INFO (4636) or follow D-Tix on Twitter at @DTixOSU.

*Some examples of general discounts available weekly include:*

Columbus Museum of Art, COSI, Columbus Zoo, Franklin Park Conservatory, SegAway Tours of Columbus, Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame (Cleveland, OH), Columbus Food Adventure Tours and many more.

*Other lottery events offered through D-Tix online registration include:*

Columbus Crew, Columbus Blue Jackets, Columbus Clippers, Columbus Symphony and Jazz Orchestras, Balletmet, Broadway Across America and other special events at venues such as Value City Arena, Nationwide Arena, KEMBA Live! and the Newport Music Hall.





# Buck-I-SERV

*at The Ohio State University*

## Be a Buck-I-SERV Advisor or Participant!

Buck-I-SERV is The Office of Student Life's alternative break program. Buck-I-SERV provides students with weeklong, substance free alternative break service trips and offers challenging and fun opportunities to lead and learn through direct service experiences. Approximately 50 total trips travel during the university's winter, spring and summer break periods. Graduate and Professional Students can participate in Buck-I-SERV as Trip Advisors, as well as participants.

Advisors are critical to the success of all Buck-I-SERV trips and can expect to reap the following benefits with full participation:

- Gain the opportunity to participate in extended community service experiences alongside students
- Increase interaction with a small group of students from a variety of college departments and interest areas across campus
- Participate without incurring personal expenses related to transportation, lodging and meals throughout the trip experience
- Share personal expertise or research interest with a group of students in real-life setting

Advisors do not pay for their trip spot, and participants pay a heavily subsidized participant fee. The application link and more information is available at [buckiserv.osu.edu](http://buckiserv.osu.edu). Please direct questions to [buck-i-serv@osu.edu](mailto:buck-i-serv@osu.edu).

# CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

## *at The Ohio State University*

Getting involved with the incredibly vibrant diversity of the Ohio State student population means learning about the culture of those that might have grown up with a different experience, but it also means sharing your story with others. Learning a new cultural perspective can take place where you live, where you study and take classes, within a student organization or at any of the hundreds of cultural events that occur on campus every year. These pages describe some of those important events. For more information on diversity at Ohio State, see [odi.osu.edu](http://odi.osu.edu)

### **Student Life Center for Belonging and Social Change**

The Student Life Center for Belonging and Social Change (CBSC) occupies a beautiful space on the first floor of the Ohio Union lantern tower that shines a light on this space where everyone is welcome. Operating a safe and inclusive space on campus serves as a center for intercultural dialogue, learning and community building. The Center for Belonging and Social Change focuses its programs and services on three themes: belonging and student support, student education and empowerment, and student outreach and social change. For more information about all of the ways you can get involved, visit [cbsc.osu.edu](http://cbsc.osu.edu).

### **Alternative Thanksgiving**

Alternative Thanksgiving is an open alternative event to the Thanksgiving national holiday. This event gives Native American/Indigenous students an opportunity to create/nurture their Ohio State community as they would if they were at home within their tribal communities whether in an urban, reservation or traditional lands space. This is an event where friends and allies will learn about history and traditions of Native American/Indigenous peoples at the time of contact and differing viewpoints. Traditional Indigenous foods will be served. To assure enough food, this is an RSVP event.

### **African American Heritage Festival**

The African American Heritage Festival is one of Ohio State's Signature Events intended to celebrate, educate, impact, and promote cultural awareness while commemorating the legacy of the African American experience. It is a festival sponsored by the Student Life Center for Belonging and Social Change that takes place during spring semester. Any student can become a part of the leadership team to plan the events and past festivals have included artistic entertainment, concerts, educational summits, community building, service-learning events and much more! To learn more about the festival and how to become a part of the leadership team, visit [cbsc.osu.edu](http://cbsc.osu.edu) and [heritagefestival.osu.edu](http://heritagefestival.osu.edu).

### **Outreach and Volunteer Engagement**

Student outreach and social change in the Student Life Center for Belonging and Social Change works to connect Ohio State students with service opportunities on and off campus. With a focus on organizing, advocacy, economic development, philanthropy, leadership development, participatory research, socially responsive behavior, and formal action, participants take part in initiatives that address justice incarceration and recidivism, literacy and information access, preK-12 education, college and career readiness, and community development through neighborhood transformation. Programming such as A Day in the Life of a Buckeye, Buckeye REACH, and Buckeye Buddies are just a few of the civic engagement projects in which students can participate.



## Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month

The Student Life Multicultural Center sponsors this major month-long APIDA celebration each year, bringing together student and community groups across a wide diversity of cultures and traditions. During this month, they encourage the campus community to explore issues related to Asian Pacific Americans, through a multitude of cultural, social and educational events. Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month is co-sponsored by the Asian American Association, South Asian Student Association and Asian American Studies. For more information, visit [cbcs.osu.edu](http://cbcs.osu.edu).

## Student Cohort Groups

Student Cohort groups of the Student Life Multicultural Center focus on intersections between identities, community building, personal development and leadership. The groups are implemented with the support of student leaders, professional staff and in partnership with student organizations and other campus resources. These include the APIDA Cohort, First Gen Connections, Inclusion, Diversity, & Equity Advocates, La C.A.S.A. (Latinx Community Advocacy in Solidarity for Awareness), LGBTQ\*mmunity, Native OSU, Queer and Trans People of Color Cohort, and the Women of Color Collective.

## Heritage and Awareness Events

Heritage and Awareness Events are the hallmark programs of the Student Life Center for Belonging and Social Change and demonstrate a strong tradition of honoring historical contexts, exploring culturally significant events and raising visibility of underrepresented groups. Our intercultural format invites students of all backgrounds and experiences to take part in celebrations such as Alternative Thanksgiving, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Indigenous Peoples Day, Latinx Heritage Month, LGBTQ History Month, National Coming Out Day, Native American Heritage Month, OSUnidos Awareness Week, Transgender Day of Visibility, United Black World Month, and Women's Herstory Month.

## The Safe Zone Program

The Safe Zone Program with the Student Life Center for Belonging and Social Change aims to raise awareness and discuss ways to make the spaces we live and work in, more welcoming and inclusive of LGBTQ people. This interactive program provides a forum for sharing information, breaking down stereotypes and opening dialogue. This includes an overview of information to increase awareness, knowledge and understanding about sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.

## Educational Workshops and Opportunities

Educational Programming in the Student Life Center for Belonging and Social Change includes dialogues, workshops, and intercultural programming that covers a variety of topics which address the changing culture and climate related to local and national contexts. Professional staff facilitate pre-planned programming and sessions for groups by request. Initiatives include our Diversity, Intercultural, and Community Engagement (DICE) program, Alonso Family Dialogue Series, and other exciting programming.

## Diversity and Social Justice in Leadership (ES HESA 2577)

Diversity and Social Justice in Leadership: A Journey Towards Intercultural Leadership is a three-credit course designed to bring together students from different cultural and social

identity groups in a facilitated learning environment. Interactive dialogues engage students in exploring issues of diversity and inequality as well as their personal and social responsibility for building a more just university and society. Students gain valuable leadership skills that they can effectively utilize long beyond the classroom. Classes are offered every Fall and Spring Semester. For more information, visit [cbsc.osu.edu](http://cbsc.osu.edu).

### **National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Step Show**

The NPHC Step Show is a showcase of dance tradition that is a fusion of African routines and contemporary dance moves. The show features Ohio State Greeks and also includes Greeks from other universities nationwide. It is held every Spring semester during Greek Week. See [sfl.osu.edu](http://sfl.osu.edu) for more information.

### **Diversity, Intercultural and Community Engagement Certificate**

DICE is a certificate earning program for undergraduate, graduate and professional students interested in enhancing their Ohio State experience through co-curricular involvement focused on diversity, social justice, and leadership. Through this program, students gain valuable skills in leadership and diversity. DICE provides diversity training through experiential learning and serves as a unique way of supporting student identity and interpersonal development. DICE students will receive a certificate in Diversity, Intercultural and Community Engagement at the end of the academic year. This certificate will verify to employers and graduate schools that recipients are prepared to live and work in a diverse environment and are committed to improving their communities. For more information on how to become a part of this program, visit [go.osu.edu/dice](http://go.osu.edu/dice).

### **Women Student Initiatives**

Women Student Initiatives provides intersectional and inclusive programming for all women and women-identifying people. WSI works to support and encourage students to grow personally and professionally while recognizing, honoring and celebrating differences in identity. Our programming includes cohorts, social events, and Women's History Month with a variety of topics related to mentorship, advocacy, leadership development and civic engagement. Learn more at [go.osu.edu/wsi](http://go.osu.edu/wsi).

### **The Hale Center**

The Frank W. Hale, Jr. Black Cultural Center hosts supportive programs and activities for all of the university community with an emphasis on the development and advancement of Black students. Some of the Hale Center programs include lectures, cultural activities, cook-outs, workshops and other events to promote cultural and social education for students. The Hale Center has one of the largest collections of African and African American art in the country! For more history and information on the Hale Center, visit [odi.osu.edu](http://odi.osu.edu).

### **Experience Columbus**

Get a complete overview of all the great things to do in Columbus at [experiencecolumbus.com](http://experiencecolumbus.com).

### **Performing Arts**

Columbus Association for the Performing Arts—CAPA, as it is known locally—owns and operates three beautifully restored theatres in downtown Columbus: Ohio, Palace and Southern. The theatres are home to organizations such as The Columbus Symphony, BalletMet, Opera Columbus, Broadway Across America—Columbus, Columbus Jazz Orchestra and ProMusica Chamber Orchestra. In addition, CAPA operates three theatres in the Riffe Center, also located downtown. Companies that make the Riffe Center their home include the Contemporary American Theatre Company (CATCO) and Phoenix Theatre Circle (family theater). Visit [capa.com](http://capa.com) for more details about venues and performances.

# RECREATIONAL SPORTS

## *at The Ohio State University*

Live a life in motion through Student Life's Department of Recreational Sports! Rec Sports offers Ohio State students the opportunity to live active and meaningful lives while on campus. Rec Sports is enhanced by its award-winning indoor and outdoor facilities, including indoor locations—the Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC), Jesse Owens Recreational Centers (JORC), Adventure Recreation Center (ARC), the North Recreation Center and Esports Arena—and outdoor parks, courts and fields.

*Make the most of your fee and have fun doing what you love at Ohio State Rec Sports:*

- Free group fitness classes
- Five pools, spa and two saunas
- Indoor/outdoor tennis and pickleball
- Over 570 pieces of state-of-the-art fitness equipment
- Gaming, lounge, study and leisure space
- Free basketball, squash, badminton, volleyball, disc and racquet check out
- Student meeting and event space
- Flag football, baseball/softball and soccer fields
- Family hours, swim classes and summer day camps
- Spouse, domestic partner and dependent memberships available

### **Group Fitness**

Group fitness classes are a fun way to stay active while finding community on campus! Rec Sports offers a wide variety classes each week, ranging from ZUMBA®, strength training and cycling, to yoga, barre and more. Classes are FREE for all members and open to all fitness levels! Schedule changes by semester and can be found at [go.osu.edu/groupfitness](https://go.osu.edu/groupfitness).

### **Personal Training**

Learn more about your personal health and fitness with the help of a certified personal trainer! Our personal training program offers one-on-one training, group training, instructional programs and fitness assessments to help you reach your fitness goals.

### **Intramural Sports**

If you played sports in high school or undergrad and want to continue your involvement, look to intramural sports! Play an old favorite like softball or basketball or participate in a new sport such as ice hockey or wallyball. See [go.osu.edu/intramurals](https://go.osu.edu/intramurals) for registration dates.



## Sport Clubs

Sport Clubs bridge the gap between intramural and intercollegiate athletics by providing competition at specialized levels, participating in tournaments and arranging opportunities to practice. The level of competition varies depending on the club. With more than 60 clubs, there's a variety to choose from! View a list of Sport Clubs online at [go.osu.edu/sportclubs](http://go.osu.edu/sportclubs).

## Outdoor Adventure

Get out of the city for a weekend or learn a new outdoor skill! The Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC), located within the ARC, plans adventure trips and clinics each semester. Trips range from one-day backpacking excursions to longer sea kayaking and caving journeys. The OAC also offers diverse clinics such as rappelling, top rope belay and lead climbing to help hone or learn new skills. View the trip and clinic schedule at [go.osu.edu/outdooradventure](http://go.osu.edu/outdooradventure).

## Open Recreation

Want to play drop-in badminton, squash, racquetball, basketball, volleyball, pickleball or climb? There are many ways to participate in open recreation at all of the Rec Sports facilities!

## Esports

Explore the world of online gaming at the Esports Arena! Connect with other gamers, learn new games, compete in tournaments and more. One of the largest facilities of its kind, the Esports Arena offers 90 computers, two Virtual Reality Stations, a broadcast room and multiple gaming console stations. Learn more at [esports.osu.edu](http://esports.osu.edu).





# COMMUNITY ENGAGED LEARNING

*at The Ohio State University*

Woody Hayes said, *“You can never pay back, so you should always try to pay forward.”* In this spirit, we believe all Buckeyes should have an opportunity to pay it forward. Service can include something small like a single-day project, or something large such as a yearlong commitment to regular volunteering with a community partner.

Many graduate/professional students seek community engagement activities that align with their academic major or professional pathway. Engagement opportunities are available for individuals through the online Service Search Engine or through student organizations.

## Local Service Programs

Visit the community engagement tab on the [lead.osu.edu](http://lead.osu.edu) website to search and connect with community partners seeing Ohio State volunteers for one-time or ongoing opportunities.

## Local Service Opportunities

For more information, visit [payitforward.osu.edu](http://payitforward.osu.edu).

- Community Commitment, held annually during Welcome Week
- MLK Day of Service, held annually in January
- Local service trips, held nearly weekly in autumn and spring semesters

## Service-Learning Courses

Service-learning courses combine hands-on volunteer work with an academic environment. For more information, or to search for courses, visit [service-learning.osu.edu](http://service-learning.osu.edu).

## Keith B. Key Buckeye Social Entrepreneurship Program

The Buckeye Social Entrepreneurship Program is open to all Ohio State students of any major who have a special interest in social entrepreneurship. Students in the program work collaboratively with social entrepreneurs, faculty and community members to identify and solve real like issues while growing their own business acumen and developing their own work portfolios. To find out more visit [bsep.osu.edu](http://bsep.osu.edu).



# UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

*at The Ohio State University*

Offering study spaces in 11 locations, an extensive physical collection and wealth of online resources and experts to help with research, University Libraries is committed to graduate student success.

*Resources that are especially useful to graduate students are:*

- Access to hundreds of research databases offering free full-text journal articles:  
[go.osu.edu/databases](http://go.osu.edu/databases)
- Free digital delivery of articles through the “Article Express” service:  
[go.osu.edu/articleexpress](http://go.osu.edu/articleexpress)
- Special Collections that offer unique research opportunities:  
[library.osu.edu/special-collections](http://library.osu.edu/special-collections)

## Research Commons

Part of University Libraries, the Research Commons is a campus community where faculty, postdocs, and graduate students can connect with experts for support at any stage in the research life cycle. Driven by services that enable research, it is where great minds gather to connect, collaborate and tackle projects that change the world. The services of the Research Commons focus on empowering graduate students to explore areas of digital humanities, mapping and geospatial information services, data visualization, research impact and managing research data outputs. The Research Commons supports graduate student research by offering workshops and consultations, specialized technology in collaborative spaces and research showcasing events. Visit us on the third floor of the 18th Avenue Library or check out our website at [library.osu.edu/researchcommons](http://library.osu.edu/researchcommons).







# MICHAEL V. DRAKE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

*at The Ohio State University*

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The Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning (Drake Institute) supports The Ohio State University as an exemplar of teaching excellence, research, and innovation to improve student success. Its mission is to advance at-scale professional learning, evidence-based instructional strategies, and research and policy that elevate, across the university, the work of all who teach.

If you are a graduate student with a current or anticipated teaching appointment, the Drake Institute offers support of your teaching endeavors through:

- an annual Graduate Teaching Orientation,
- a Teaching Endorsement program that includes nearly twenty professional learning opportunities on topics to support GTA teaching; completed endorsements are noted on official University transcripts,
- a GTA Toolkit workshop series, through which GTAs from across the university connect and learn together,
- confidential one-on-one consultations with staff who can help you prepare academic job search materials or identify ways to continually improve your students' learning,
- Teaching@OhioState, a self-directed, five module online experience that serves as an introduction to key topics about teaching at The Ohio State University. Participants are presented with opportunities to become familiar with multiple perspectives on teaching, be exposed to evidence-based teaching practices, reflect on their own teaching practice and connect with resources that support their teaching.

Online resources on a wide variety of teaching-related topics.  
Please visit [drakeinstitute.osu.edu](http://drakeinstitute.osu.edu) for more information.

# OFFICE OF RESEARCH

# OFFICE OF POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS

*at The Ohio State University*

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Established in 2017, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs seeks to enhance the postdoctoral experience for scholars across the university, serving 15 colleges and with 700+ postdocs at Ohio State.

## Services

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) will:

- Fund your membership to the National Postdoc Association (NPA) and sponsor opportunities to attend the NPA annual meeting
- Provide you with research and professional development resources and opportunities
- Collect and disseminate data on Ohio State postdocs

## Key Initiatives

### Advocacy

We address all advocacy and policy issues that affect Ohio State's postdoctoral community – general policies, benefits, conflict resolution and more.

### Professional Development

We offer assistance with fellowship/grant writing, postdoctoral mentoring plans and guidance on academic and non-research career paths.

### Enhancing Mentorship

We provide resources, training and assistance with mentoring plans for research proposals. We support the recruitment of international and underrepresented minority postdocs.

### Development

We will bring more fellowships and research funding to Ohio State's postdoctoral scholars.

## For More Information

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# SPIRITUALITY

## *at The Ohio State University*

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Developing your spiritual life can give you a sense of purpose and help you figure out where you are most passionate in your professional, social and personal life. Spirituality is not religion, although they may act together, and its definition is different for everyone. Spirituality can help people find their place in the world while still keeping an open mind toward all beliefs.

### **Student Wellness Center**

Student Life's Student Wellness Center, located in the RPAC, is a resource for students seeking wellness in all aspects of life. Among many other things, it is a resource for students exploring their spirituality. They offer spiritual counseling and group presentations. Visit the center at [swc.osu.edu](http://swc.osu.edu).

In working on the spiritual aspect of wellness, a wellness coach can help you find the resources you need at The Ohio State University and in the Columbus community. Your coach will meet with you for 45-minute sessions that are free and help you navigate and adjust to this complex college environment. Your coach will help you determine your own spiritual journey while learning about yourself and others.

See [swc.osu.edu/wellness-initiatives/wellness-coaching](http://swc.osu.edu/wellness-initiatives/wellness-coaching) for more information.

### **Religious and Spiritual Student Organizations**

There are dozens of student organizations founded on faith-based, spiritual, agnostic and atheist concepts and practices. To explore existing organizations, visit the online student organization directory at [getinvolved.osu.edu](http://getinvolved.osu.edu) and either enter keywords or do an advanced search and select "Religious/Spiritual."

### **Ohio State Interfaith Association**

The Ohio State Interfaith Council is an organization that unites a wide variety of faith traditions, worldviews and spiritual communities of faith. Their goal is to promote spiritual wellness through understanding and respect of diverse spiritual beliefs by means of communication, awareness, dialogue, education and advocacy, both on campus and in the greater community.



# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

## *at The Ohio State University*

The incredible variety of available organizations is a direct reflection of Ohio State's diversity of students and eclectic interests.

The roster of organizations changes each semester as new organizations form and old ones close. For the most updated information, visit [activities.osu.edu](http://activities.osu.edu) under Involvement > Student Organizations. You can search the online directory by keyword or type of organization.

### Starting a New Student Organization

If you don't find an existing organization that totally interests you, it's not that difficult to start your own.

1. You'll need a minimum of five student members.
2. Three different students must be listed as primary officers – president, treasurer and secondary leader.
3. You'll need a faculty or staff member to serve as the organization advisor.

Once you've identified those key people, you can begin the online registration.

4. Submit a registration request at [activities.osu.edu/involvement/student\\_organizations/registration](http://activities.osu.edu/involvement/student_organizations/registration).
5. A staff member will review your request and schedule a brief meeting to provide resources to get you started.
6. After that meeting, you can complete the online registration process including general info, roster, constitution and organization goals.
7. In addition to the online process, the president, treasurer and advisor also need to complete training.

Registered and active student organizations are eligible for a variety of benefits including:

- Access to funding for operations and programs.
- Ability to reserve meeting and event space on campus, in many cases for no cost or at a discounted rate
- Access to free marketing, graphic design, photography, videography, website hosting and email services.





# ATHLETICS AND BUCKEYE SPIRIT

*at The Ohio State University*

There are also several ways to get involved with the traditions related to Buckeye spirit and athletics. Here are a few examples...

## **Block ‘O’**

Block ‘O’ is one of Ohio State’s largest student organizations and has gained local and national recognition. As the official student section for all Ohio State sports and athletic events, Block ‘O’ spreads spirit, starts cheers and leads card stunts in Ohio Stadium for football games. In addition to football, you can share your pride and support for other athletics during basketball season as a member of the “Buckeye Nuthouse,” at volleyball games as part of the “Scarlet Setters” and at men’s hockey games with the “knucklebucks.”

## **Best Fans in the Land - Sportsmanship Council**

Sportsmanship Council exists to establish good sportsmanship as a continuing tradition at The Ohio State University. A great way to get involved with the Sportsmanship Council is through the Game Day Buckeye Ambassadors Program. Groups of ambassadors roam the tailgate and Stadium areas on football Saturdays and actively welcome fans to Ohio State, especially supporters of the visiting team. The goal is to promote good sportsmanship between Buckeye fans and the opposing teams, as well as to establish a sense of responsibility to uphold the “Best Fans in the Land” tradition.





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## Varsity Sports

There are 37 varsity sports at Ohio State! While getting involved with the teams as a student-athlete is a limited opportunity based on many factors, athletics is a huge part of the Ohio State culture, and supporting the sports teams is a great way to show your Buckeye Spirit! Here's a list of Ohio State's varsity sports:

### Men's Athletics

Baseball	Pistol
Basketball	Rifle
Cross Country	Soccer
Fencing	Spirit Program
Football	Swimming/Diving
Golf	Tennis
Gymnastics	Track and Field
Ice Hockey	Volleyball
Lacrosse	Wrestling

### Women's Athletics

Basketball	Rowing
Cross Country	Soccer
Fencing	Softball
Field Hockey	Spirit Program
Golf	Swimming/Diving
Gymnastics	Synchronized Swimming
Ice Hockey	Tennis
Lacrosse	Track and Field
Pistol	Volleyball
Rifle	

## *Some Ohio State Spirit Traditions Every Buckeye Should Know*

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### **Brutus Buckeye**

One of the more visible symbols of Ohio State Athletics is Brutus Buckeye, the school's mascot. In 1965, an art student designed and introduced the first Brutus, while the name was chosen in a contest. The mascot began as a hardened paper mache affair that looked like a bowling ball with legs. In 1975, a radical new Brutus was designed with a prune-like head and a man's body. That attempt was booed off the field and was re-worked, giving way to a mascot comparable to the beloved present-day Brutus. Interested in sharing your spirit and pride as Ohio State's proud and energetic mascot? Try-outs for the famed position occur each spring semester in conjunction with Cheerleading try-outs. Each Brutus is considered by demonstrating personality skills, creativity and the ability to interact with crowds.



## Spirit Program

Ohio State Athletics' Spirit Program consists of the Cheerleading/Brutus Buckeye Squad and the Dance Team. These students are a constant source of support at athletic and other special events throughout the year.

## Buckeye Grove

Since 1934, a Buckeye tree has been planted in honor of each of Ohio State's All-American football players. Trees are usually planted in a pre-game ceremony at the spring game. With the renovation of Ohio Stadium in 2001, the Buckeye Grove is now located at the southwest corner of the stadium.

## The Illibuck Trophy

The winner of the Ohio State-Illinois game has received the Illibuck trophy since the tradition began in 1925. Illibuck was a live turtle, but has been a wooden replica since 1927. Also representative of the rivalry is the peace pipe. Members of two junior honor societies, Bucket and Dipper of Ohio State and Sachem of Illinois, annually meet at halftime of the Fighting Illini-Buckeye game to present the "Illibuck" trophy to the winning school from the previous year.

# *The Ohio State University Marching Band*

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## Skull Session

In 1932, Eugene J. Weigel enhanced the band's performance by having members completely memorize music before the game each week. By doing this, bandmen could concentrate more on the marching maneuvers without sacrificing the music. Weigel then scheduled a final rehearsal of the music before game time so the band could play and think through the show one last time—one last "Skull Session." Skull Session starts one and a half hours before kickoff of every home football game. It is a popular concert/pep rally, with over 10,000 fans in attendance. Seats for Skull Session are in high demand, and it is not unusual for dedicated fans to arrive up to two hours before the band.

## Script Ohio

The signature formation of the Ohio State Marching Band performed before, during halftime or after home games is Script Ohio. Each time the formation drill is performed, a different fourth or fifth-year sousaphone player has the privilege of standing as the dot in the "i" of "Ohio."

## Dotting the "i"

At exactly 16 measures from the end of "Le Regiment," the drum major struts out toward the top of the "i," with the sousaphone player high-stepping a couple of paces behind. As the crowd's cheering crescendos, the drum major stops and dramatically points to the spot. The sousaphone player assumes the post of honor, doffs his hat and bows deeply to both sides of the stadium. Woody Hayes, Bob Hope, Jack Nicklaus and John and Annie Glenn are among the select few non-band members who have had the honor of dotting the "i." This is considered the greatest honor the band can bestow to any non-band person and is an extremely special (and rare) event.

# STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **What is the Student Activity Fee?**

It is a fee charged to all undergraduate, graduate and professional students each academic term (autumn, spring and summer). The fee is used to fund major campus events planned by the Ohio Union Activities Board, student organizations, student governments, the Discount Ticket program, Buck-I-SERV (the alternative breaks program), select local community service initiatives planned by Pay It Forward and some of Ohio State's largest and most traditional campus programs, called Signature Events.

### **How much money do I pay for the Student Activity Fee?**

The amount of the student activity fee is approximately \$37.50 per semester for graduate and professional students.

### **What is the money generated from the fee used for?**

A fixed amount from the Student Activity Fee (SAF) revenue is dedicated to funding student organization resources, graphic design and video editing services and limited staffing for positions that support SAF-funded programs. The balance of the revenue is allocated according to a formula determined by the Council on Student Affairs.

*As of the Council on Student Affairs' most recent review in Spring 2022, the breakdown is:*

- 54.43% campus-wide programming administered by Ohio Union Activities Board (OUAB)
- 15.91% Discount Ticket Program (D-Tix)
- 13.43% student organization funding
- 9.35% student government funding
- 4.21% Buck-I-SERV (alternative breaks program)
- 2.67% Pay It Forward (local service initiatives)

### **What types of events are sponsored by the fee?**

The fee funds free concerts, lectures, comedy shows, movies and special events, as well as graduate and professional student programming, alternative break service trips, local community service initiatives, discounted tickets to cultural events occurring off-campus and on-campus programs sponsored by registered student organizations.

## How can I be involved in deciding which events are brought to campus?

Go to [ouab.osu.edu](http://ouab.osu.edu) to provide a suggestion. You can also join OUAB and have your voice heard or give current members your ideas! OUAB is the Ohio Union Activities Board, which receives the largest portion of the fee to plan campus events. OUAB is always looking for thoughtful students to help brainstorm ideas of what performers and events to bring to campus. New members are selected at the beginning of each autumn semester. Go to [ouab.osu.edu](http://ouab.osu.edu) for more information about the membership process.

## How do student organizations benefit from the Activity Fee?

Each registered student organization is eligible to receive up to \$500 in operating funds and has the opportunity to apply for up to \$3,000 or \$4,500 more (depending on their registration status) for special programs that anyone on campus can attend. In addition, the Resource Room in the Keith B. Key Center for Student Leadership and Service at the Ohio Union receives funding for the equipment and tools that student organizations can use.

## What other Activity Fee-funded resources are available to student organizations?

The Resource Room, which receives its budget from the Activity Fee, provides registered student organizations with access to a variety of resources and supplies including photocopying, poster printing, free reservation of equipment and use of various marketing materials. Once registered, student organizations receive a \$250 line of pre-paid credit for products and services in the Resource Room. Student organizations may also receive the free services of a team of graphic designers to help with design of posters, brochures, flyers, postcards, logos, etc. The graphics department can help secure price quotes from outside printers and manufacturers, etc., but the organizations themselves must incur the costs of printing the items that the graphics department designs. Student organizations also have access to free video editing services funded by the Fee.

## What is the Discount Ticket Program?

The Discount Ticket Program, or D-Tix, allows students to buy discounted tickets to sporting events, concerts and cultural events throughout Columbus and Ohio. Discounts are also available to area movie theaters, restaurants, the Columbus Zoo, COSI and the Funny Bone Comedy Club, as well as the Columbus Museum of Art and many others. Tickets are sold at the Ohio Union Information Center. Students may purchase with a valid BuckID. Check [dtix.osu.edu](http://dtix.osu.edu) for the most updated list of tickets available.

## What is Buck-I-SERV?

Buck-I-SERV, also known as the alternative breaks program, is a weeklong, substance-free program centered on community service, held during the university's winter, spring and summer breaks. Get more information on how to get involved with the 50 domestic and international trips sponsored each year at [buckiserv.osu.edu](http://buckiserv.osu.edu).





## **What sort of accountability exists for organizations that get the largest share of the Activity Fee?**

The primary beneficiaries of the Student Activity Fee funding are the Ohio Union Activities Board (OUAB), Undergraduate Student Government (USG), Council of Graduate Students (CGS), Inter-Professional Council (IPC), the Discount Ticket Program, Buck-I-SERV, which plans alternative break trips and Pay It Forward, which plans local service initiatives. All of those organizations must report on a per-semester basis to the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Allocations Committee, sharing information about their budgets, their upcoming plans and the success of their past programs. Those same groups must report on an annual basis to the full CSA committee. Because it receives the largest portion of the Activity Fee, OUAB must also report on a monthly basis to the Ohio Union Council, which is made up of students, staff, faculty and alumni.

## **Who decides how the Student Activity Fee is allocated?**

The Council on Student Affairs (CSA), which is a subcommittee of the University Senate, makes all decisions about the structure of the Student Activity Fee. CSA is a representative group of undergraduate, graduate and professional students, faculty members and staff members. One of CSA's subcommittees, the Allocations Committee, reviews funding requests made by registered student organizations and makes decisions about approving those requests.

## **How can I find out about Student Activity Fee-funded events?**

The most convenient way to make sure you hear about some of the great campus events and opportunities off-campus funded by the Fee is to sign up for the D-Tix and OUAB mailing lists. To find out about upcoming Discount Tickets (D-Tix) events, visit [dtix.osu.edu](http://dtix.osu.edu) or follow D-Tix on Twitter at @DTixOSU.

To learn about upcoming campus events sponsored by the Ohio Union Activities Board (OUAB) and release dates for the tickets to those events, look for the "Sign Up" icon at [ouab.osu.edu](http://ouab.osu.edu) or follow @OUAB on social media.







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