What matters to you?
You Research Matters

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At Notre Dame we are driven by the conviction that your research matters. We know that your academic accomplishments will be distinctive, empowering you to follow the call of Notre Dame’s founder, Father Sorin, to be a force for good in the world.

We also know that student success develops from a setting wherein you matter. That’s why our approach to graduate training is holistic—engaging minds, hearts, and spirits.

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Serving

DISCOVER
Scholarly Resources

THRIVE
in Your Environment

ENGAGE
in the Conversation

PROMOTE
Your Project

2,576
Master’s & Ph.D. students

TEACH
Across Audiences

EXEMPLIFY
Research Principles

LEAD
Meaningful Advances

PROFESSIONALIZE
Your Passion
Promote Yourself: Three Minute Thesis

A Multinational Competition Involving 600+ Universities in 60+ Countries

Engage a diverse audience and articulate What Matters to You within three minutes

Why Participate?

Articulate the value of your research
Grow your network
Learn a versatile & lifelong skill

and Do What Matters to You!

“Before competing in 3MT, I fumbled through the narrative of my research. By participating, I learned to confidently demonstrate the value of my work—and, more broadly, my perspective—to others.”

– Monica Arul, College of Engineering (Civil and Environmental Engineering & Earth Sciences)
2019 Shaheen 3MT Winner

Over 115 students have competed

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- Welcoming the voice of the whistleblower
- Teaching interreligious dialogue
- Building peace in the world
- Engaging communities and innovating responsibly

Do It... Be It...

Understand the context AND impact — AND engage in What Matters to You

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118 ND grad students representing...
25 degree programs addressing...
16+ contemporary social issues supported by...
710k in National Science Foundation funding

Leadership Projects

18% Campus leadership
8% Female and/or diversity empowerment in STEM
5% Green and sustainability efforts
4% International aid and/or conflict resolution
23% Educational support & enrichment (K-undergrad)
11% Community engagement for underserved populations
5% Fostering interreligious dialogues
26% Community engagement support for incarcerated, public industry applications

LASER is a transformative experience — both professionally and personally — that opens your eyes to prevalent issues and uniquely prepares you to facilitate positive change.

— Amanda Nowak, Psychology

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- Refine Your Proposal
- Maximize Your Funding Potential

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$23.2 Million in funding won in the last four years

89% graduate students awarded a fellowship

1468 Students submitted applications
873 Students won
370 Students won more than one fellowship
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- 14,000+ online network of alumni ready and willing to help you
- IRISH COMPASS
- Individual consultations - document reviews, mock interviews, assessments and discernment guidance

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I learned something new every time I talked with Graduate Career Services. I am very grateful to have them as an advocate for ND students.

– Susana Lira-Gonzalez, Senior Consultant, Avanade
Claire Scott-Bacon, Ph.D. candidate in psychology, first came to Notre Dame as a member of the Graduate School’s Summer Research Opportunities Program in May of 2016. Within her first week on campus, she scheduled a consultation with the Grants and Fellowships Office to begin an application for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF-GRFP). By the time her summer program ended in July, and Scott-Bacon was preparing to return home to Miami, Florida “feeling more like a graduate student than a graduating senior,” she submitted what would prove to be a winning NSF-GRFP application. In the fall of 2017, she officially joined the new cohort of doctoral students as a member of the Center for Advanced Measurement of Personality and Psychopathology (CAMPP) lab.

Since joining Notre Dame’s community of scholars, Scott-Bacon has often participated in the Graduate School’s graduate training opportunities, and is using the techniques she has learned to write her master’s thesis. She enjoys mentoring undergraduate students in the CAMPP lab; has welcomed new students as a graduate student orientation ambassador; represents Notre Dame students in the Indiana Psychological Association; interns with the South Bend Police Department’s Investigative Bureau/County Metro Homicide Unit; and hosts “Talk Nights,” an interdisciplinary gathering for graduate students sponsored by Graduate Student Life.

Bryant Vande Kolk, Ph.D. candidate in physics, expects to defend his dissertation in early fall 2019 — bringing him one step closer to beginning his postdoctoral fellowship with the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

While at Notre Dame, Vande Kolk has demonstrated his service and fellowship values in action through science outreach, co-leading an environmental student group, and furthering the goals of the graduate student LGBTQ and ally student coalition, now known as GlassND. In 2015-2016, he served as president of the Graduate Student Union, setting policy initiatives to advance financial literacy and enhance education around graduate student health care changes in compliance with the Affordable Care Act. He returned to serve as the GSU co-vice president for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Vande Kolk acknowledges the culture of support and engagement opportunities fostered by Graduate Student Life, and credits the Office of Grants and Fellowships for helping him transform his NNSA fellowship application into a competitive — and ultimately winning — proposal. The Brandon, Wisconsin native, also worked with College of Science consultant within Graduate Career Services through multiple reviews of his curriculum vitae, interview preparation, and mock interviews to prepare for the next stage of his career.
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