



Vanderbilt University
Graduate School

2023-24
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY

Alumni Lawn
May 10, 2024
11 o'clock in the morning
Nashville, Tennessee

Class of 2024



PROCESSION

GROUP I

Banner Bearer, Doctor of Philosophy

Jordan Jurinsky, *Community Research & Action*

Banner Bearer, Master of Arts, Fine Arts, Science, and Liberal Arts and Science

Kartika Kusumadewi, *Economics*

Banner Bearer, Master of Engineering

Beatrice Gadal, *Engineering Management*

GROUP II

Candidates for the Degrees

Master of Arts

Master of Science

Master of Liberal Arts and Science

Master of Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy

GRADUATE FACULTY MARSHALS

James P. Byrd, *Professor of American Religious History; Cal Turner Chancellor's Chair of Wesleyan Studies; Associate Dean of Graduate Education*

Christopher Carpenter, *E. Bronson Ingram University Distinguished Professor of Economics and Health Policy; Professor of Law; Professor of Leadership, Policy, and Organizations; Professor of Medicine, Health, and Society; Professor of Gender and Sexuality Studies*

Steven L. Goodbred, *Stevenson Chair Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences; Chair of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences*

Steven Wernke, *Associate Professor of Anthropology; Department Chair (Archaeology, Andes, and Spatial Analysis)*

Bianca Manago, *Assistant Professor of Sociology; Dean's Faculty Fellow in Sociology*

Velma McBride Murry, *Lois Audrey Betts Chair in Education and Human Development; University Distinguished Professor of Human and Organizational Development*

Dana Nelson, *Chair of the Department of English; Nancy Perot Chair of English*

Jada Benn Torres, *Associate Professor of Anthropolgy (Genetics, Race, and Genetic Ancestry)*

Steven D. Townsend, *Stevenson Professor of Chemistry*

MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATE FACULTY

GROUP III

Graduate School Office of the Dean

C. André Christie-Mizell, *Vice Provost for Graduate Education; Dean of the Graduate School*

John McLean, *Dean of Graduate Education and Research; College of Arts & Science*

Robert Webster, *Associate Provost for Graduate Education*

Maya Suraj, *Associate Dean for Enrollment Management and Dean of Admissions*

Terrah Akard, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*



PROGRAM

Processional	“Rondeau” Jean Joseph Mouret
Welcome	Vice Provost Christie-Mizell
Remarks to Graduates	Vice Provost Christie-Mizell
Presentation of Candidates	Associate Dean Akard
The Investiture	Associate Provost Webster Dean McLean Members of Faculty
Awarding of Diplomas	Vice Provost Christie-Mizell
Recessional	“Hornpipe” from the “Water Music” George Frederic Handel

Music Presented by: Graduate School Brass Quintet

Please remain seated until the recessional has concluded.



VANDERBILT
Graduate School

Bubbly and Berries

*Following the ceremony, there will be a light reception
for the graduates and their guests.*



CANDIDATES FOR MASTERS DEGREES
2023-2024

Expected to Participate in the Ceremony

Master of Arts

Salma Abuhamda - *Medicine, Health, & Society*
Irene Peter Chibwaye - *Economics*
Rimma Chnavaian - *Economics*
Julia Sheree Dixon - *History*
Qihan Gao - *History of Art*
Derek Marcel Green - *Medicine, Health, & Society*
Halcyeon Danielle Guy - *Medicine, Health, & Society*
Farah Waleed Hamouda - *Sociology*
Julius Mathieu Russell Joubert - *Economics*
Ashley Moriah Keyes - *Medicine, Health, & Society*
Kartika Kusumadewi - *Economics*
Chenhao Liang - *Economics*
Mingzhe Liu - *Economics*
Jingyu Ma - *Economics*
Faisal Ahmed Mashrur - *Economics*
Peace Falina Nyumbaiza - *Economics*
Inioluwa Oyebimpe Oyetunji - *Economics*
Nam Phuong Phan - *Economics*
Brittney Augustina Rose - *Sociology*
Jiakun Shi - *Economics*
Sofia Marie Singer - *Medicine, Health, & Society*
Kristin Mary Smith - *Medicine, Health, & Society*
Yuhan Sun - *Economics*
Natalie Nicole Thomas - *Medicine, Health, & Society*
Nathan Trimble - *History*
Destiny Wiley-Yancy - *History*



Master of Science

Francis Doe Yao Agbaglo - *Electrical & Computer Engineering*

Kaan Alp - *Biomedical Sciences*

Samantha Savina Armijo - *Data Science*

Seung Min Baek - *Computer Science*

Victoria Indy Balkissoon - *Computer Science*

Marily Barron - *Biomedical Informatics*

Nicholas Baumann - *Biomedical Sciences*

Sarah Elizabeth Bowlby - *Biomedical Sciences*

Zachary William Braasch - *Computer Science*

Mary Stirling Brown - *Computer Science*

MaKenna Lynn Bryant - *Biomedical Sciences*

Francois-Marie Jean Brych - *Data Science*

Mia Grace Cantrell - *Physics*

Kristopher Matthew Castillo - *Biomedical Engineering*

Shuang Chang - *Biomedical Engineering*

Sovann David Chang - *Data Science*

Jaewoo Anthony Cho - *Data Science*

Cristian C. Connelly - *Data Science*

Aleksandra Cvetanovska - *Data Science*

Hunter Bohn Dawley - *Data Science*

Henry Pearce DeGroot - *Chemistry*

Xishan Deng - *Data Science*

Lessley C. Dennington - *Computer Science*

Divya - *Computer Science*

John Charles Ford III - *Computer Science*

Arielle Brenna'e Fortune - *Biomedical Sciences*

Abhishek Gaur - *Computer Science*

Mukund Gupta - *Mechanical Engineering*

Ningyu Han - *Data Science*

Seth Hanft - *Computer Science*

Campbell Robinson Headrick - *Computer Science*

Matthew David Heilman - *Computer Science*

Kimora Leigh Hudson - *Biomedical Sciences*

Joseph Michael Jackowski - *Cognitive Psychology in Context*

Vijay Jalihal - *Civil Engineering*



Jeremiah Jerrod Johnson - *Biomedical Engineering*
Paul Edward Johnson IV - *Computer Science*
Ishan Kaul - *Computer Science*
Tiffany Lee - *Data Science*
Changzhou Li - *Data Science*
Manda Li - *Computer Science*
Xueyuan Li - *Data Science*
Jiaying Liang - *Data Science*
Kenneth Liao - *Biostatistics*
Qifan Lin - *Data Science*
Daniel Lopez - *Earth & Environmental Sciences*
Yunfei Lyu - *Data Science*
Parisa Maadani - *Computer Science*
Edward Masterson - *Computer Science*
Ethan Hunter Mayer - *Electrical Engineering*
Maggie McCorkle - *Biomedical Sciences*
MeiLissa E. McKay - *Mechanical Engineering*
Elena Nakia McQuay - *Computer Science*
Bryan Matthew Michalek - *Data Science*
Rupak Mohanty - *Computer Science*
Rachel Montgomery - *Data Science*
Dylan Ray Morris - *Computer Science*
Patrick Muradaz - *Computer Science*
Zehra Naseer - *Computer Science*
Adit Negi - *Computer Science*
Phuoc Ngo - *Computer Science*
Phuong Thao H. Nguyen - *Data Science*
Jordan Marie Nieuwma - *Data Science*
Eun Ji Noh - *Data Science*
Adithya Pamulaparathi - *Electrical Engineering*
Riya Patel - *Biomedical Sciences*
Jessica Phelan - *Computer Science*
Jesse Odame Phillips - *Computer Science*
Quinn Robert Pommerening - *Computer Science*
Bowen Qu - *Computer Science*
Anthony Michael Quagliata - *Data Science*
Juliana Quay - *Chemical & Physical Biology*



Promod Kalhara Rajaguru - *Data Science*
Benjamin Ray - *Computer Science*
Daniel Eric Rosen - *Data Science*
Ryan Anthony Samarakoon - *Computer Science*
Nicole Suzanne Sarna - *Biomedical Engineering*
Pooja Satish - *Computer Science*
Daniel Schroeder - *Computer Science*
Sara Ann Schuster - *Biomedical Sciences*
Bimal Shah - *Computer Science*
Brian Sharber - *Computer Science*
Zhengyu Shen - *Computer Science*
Jiayu Shi - *Data Science*
Hannah Marie Slater - *Biomedical Informatics*
Minwoo Sohn - *Data Science*
Justin William Sumner - *Computer Science*
Qifeng Sun - *Data Science*
Uday Suresh - *Biomedical Informatics*
Sophia Mazen Tannir - *Data Science*
Cody Brandt Tate - *Earth & Environmental Sciences*
Alexander Edward Toler - *Chemistry*
Lauren Anne Turnbull - *Biomedical Sciences*
Hiren Vadalia - *Computer Science*
Mark Garrett Vangilder - *Computer Science*
Amogh Vig - *Data Science*
Xinran Wang - *Cognitive Psychology in Context*
Sarah Ward - *Earth & Environmental Sciences*
Maxwell Isaac Wegner - *Biomedical Sciences*
Yuning Wu - *Data Science*
Xiaoman Xu - *Data Science*
Inchul Yang - *Data Science*
Juliana Yang - *Chemical Engineering*
Yahan Yang - *Data Science*
Chih-Ting Yeh - *Computer Science*
Zihao Yu - *Data Science*
Xuerong Zhang - *Biomedical Engineering*
Ruiqi Zhou - *Data Science*
Qianru Zhou - *Computer Science*



Master of Liberal Arts and Science

Dylan Autenrieth - *Master of Liberal Arts and Science*
Janna Ellen Brennan - *Master of Liberal Arts and Science*
Michael L. Dodson - *Master of Liberal Arts and Science*
Heidi Monique Hart - *Master of Liberal Arts and Science*
Jordan Overton - *Master of Liberal Arts and Science*
Christopher Arion Shinaver - *Master of Liberal Arts and Science*
Jaime Scott Toll - *Master of Liberal Arts and Science*

Master of Engineering

Tara Raque'l Rice Avery - *Civil Engineering*
Lydia Beebe - *Engineering Management*
Yash Sunil Bhavsar - *Civil Engineering*
Kartik Bhise - *Civil Engineering*
Lee Chester - *Engineering Management*
Jingwen Du - *Risk, Reliability, and Resilience*
Steven Matthew Emas - *Engineering Management*
Beatrice Gadai - *Engineering Management*
Brianna Taylor Gross - *Engineering Management*
Rebecca Monet' Hood - *Engineering Management*
Daniel Ryan Hudson - *Engineering Management*
Nicholas Xavier Jensen - *Engineering Management*
Ashley Kiana Jeter - *Engineering Management*
Nathan Sean Jett - *Engineering Management*
Eveline V. Jose - *Engineering Management*
Erin Kerr - *Engineering Management*
Mateusz Kimszal - *Engineering Management*
Yash Rajendra Kothari - *Civil Engineering*
Noah Christopher Lundquist - *Engineering Management*
Celia Grace Maiorano - *Engineering in Surgery & Intervention*
Brian Joseph Marzluf - *Engineering Management*
Nicholas Urbani Masciadri - *Engineering Management*
Tessa Claire Munshower - *Engineering Management*
Navya Nagireddy - *Civil Engineering*
Adebayo Temitope Oladele-Ajose - *Engineering Management*



Victor Pa - *Civil Engineering*
Dharmik Ashishkumar Patel - *Civil Engineering*
James Nolan Pawlowski - *Engineering Management*
Charles Joseph Popplewell - *Engineering Management*
Siva Parvathi Ravipati - *Civil Engineering*
Kevin Scott - *Engineering Management*
Ethan Christopher Townsend - *Engineering Management*
James Tyndall - *Engineering Management*
Harika Vanguru - *Civil Engineering*
Satvika Veeravalli - *Engineering Management*
Vishvaishvarananda Vijay Visavale - *Civil Engineering*
Andy Vo - *Engineering Management*
Garrett Wayne Watson - *Risk, Reliability, and Resilience*
Rachel Lauren Wells - *Engineering Management*
Todd Edward Wilmer - *Engineering Management*

A complete list of the candidates for master's degrees for 2023- 2024 can be found in the [Vanderbilt Commencement Program](#).





CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
2023-2024

Expected to Participate in the Ceremony

Saman Abbaspoor - *Psychological Sciences*
Alexandra Abu-Shmais - *Microbe-Host Interactions*
Catherine Elizabeth Adams - *Chemistry*
Haley Alexander Adams - *Computer Science*
Ibrahim Ahmed - *Electrical Engineering*
James Ainooson - *Computer Science*
Moyosore Olorunfemi Ajayi - *Environmental Engineering*
Mohammed Abdullah M. Alaloula - *Civil Engineering*
Lucy Magill Alsip Vollbrecht - *Philosophy*
Ashwaq Alsoubai - *Computer Science*
Kerri-Ann Margo Anderson - *Biological Sciences*
Brenna Denise Appleton - *Molecular Pathology & Immunology*
Amit Goraksh Avhad - *Mechanical Engineering*
Jeremy Randy Bairan Espano - *Interdisciplinary Materials Science*
Tianshu Bao - *Computer Science*
Roza Gunes Bayrak - *Computer Science*
Erik Paul Beadle - *Cancer Biology*
Nicholas Ryan Bednar - *Political Science*
Behrouz Behdani - *Chemical Engineering*
Katelyn Adrianna Berg - *Hearing & Speech Sciences*
Bryant O'Keith Best - *Learning, Teaching, & Diversity*
Andrew Michael Boal - *Neuroscience*
Heather Marie Bradford - *Nursing Science*
Joseph Hayne Breeyear - *Human Genetics*
Alec Aaron Brown - *Biological Sciences*
James Thomas Brown - *Biomedical Informatics*
Kaitlyn Rose Browning - *Biochemistry*
Pietra Taylor Bruni - *Psychological Sciences*
Grace E. Buckley - *Chemistry*
Laura Enrica Buckley - *Learning, Teaching, & Diversity*
Francisco Agustin Calvache Meyer - *Psychological Sciences*
Anna Catherine Carella - *Political Science*



Laura Janel Carter-Stone - *Learning, Teaching, & Diversity*
Luis Carlos Carvajal Osorio - *Economics*
Kellie Cavagnaro - *Anthropology and Comparative Media Analysis & Practice*
Caroline Susanne Cencer - *Cell & Developmental Biology*
Mary Bronwen Linette Chalkley - *Cell & Developmental Biology*
Shuang Chang - *Biomedical Engineering*
Ting-Yun Chang - *Psychological Sciences*
Miguel Angel Chavez - *History*
Genna Raine Chiaro - *Earth & Environmental Sciences*
Jae Il Cho - *Economics*
Nowrin Umme Chowdhury - *Molecular Pathology & Immunology*
Youjin Chung - *Community Research & Action*
Cameron Chase Clark - *English and Comparative Media Analysis & Practice*
Juan Manuel Colazo - *Biomedical Engineering*
Jessica Anne Collins - *Biochemistry*
Caroline Beard Colquhoun - *Spanish and Comparative Media Analysis & Practice*
Ela Wendy Contreras Panta - *Cell & Developmental Biology*
Bailey Andressen Copeland - *Special Education*
Sahai Couso Diaz - *Spanish and Comparative Media Analysis & Practice*
Justin T. Critchlow - *Biological Sciences*
Michael Leon Crouch - *Leadership & Policy Studies*
Angelique Nicole Crutchfield - *Leadership & Policy Studies*
Joseph Vincent D'Amico IV - *Electrical Engineering*
Bethany R. Daniel - *Learning, Teaching, & Diversity*
Timothy Scott Darrah - *Computer Science*
Brad Alan Davidson - *Cancer Biology*
Jonathan Davies - *Biological Sciences*
Rosalind M. de Lisser - *Nursing Science*
Maria Luisa De Melo Tupinamba Jabbur - *Biological Sciences*
Jose Luis De Ramon Ruiz - *Spanish*
Carlisle Rose DeJulius - *Biomedical Engineering*
Cara Ann DeLoach - *Leadership & Policy Studies*
James Adrian deSilva - *German*
Chiara Di Gravio - *Biostatistics*
Christine Nicole Dickason - *Leadership & Policy Studies*
Kelsey Maria Dillehay - *Special Education*
Adam Dee Dodson - *Physics*
Jenna Dombroski - *Biomedical Engineering*



Danielle Marie Dorvil - *Spanish-Portuguese*
Anne Sophie Dubosson - *French*
Callie Chandler Dulin - *Chemistry*
Samuel John Dunham - *Astrophysics*
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Elgart - *Economics*
Tayfun Efe Ertop - *Mechanical Engineering*
Paige Bennett Eyler - *Special Education*
Sean Thomas Fitzgerald - *Biomedical Engineering*
Ronald Brock Fletcher - *Biomedical Engineering*
Nicolette Brianne Frazer - *Neuroscience*
Jethro Taylor Gaglione - *Physics*
Bethany Hope Gardner - *Psychological Sciences*
Henry Christopher Gilbert - *Computer Science*
Purboday Ghosh - *Electrical Engineering*
Henry Christopher Gilbert - *Computer Science*
Derek A. GlouDEMans - *Computer Science*
Daniel Gonzalez - *Environmental Engineering*
Sarah Elizabeth Goodale - *Biomedical Engineering*
Brittney Lynn Goscicki - *Special Education*
Nicolette Grace Granata - *Psychological Sciences*
Yulin Guo - *Civil Engineering*
Jennifer M. Gutman - *English and Comparative Media Analysis & Practice*
Krista A. Haapanen - *Community Research & Action*
Rachel Ann Hanebutt - *Community Research & Action*
Mohammad Nasirul Haque - *Mechanical Engineering*
Christa Erika Hartch - *Nursing Science*
Elizabeth Anne Hatmaker - *Biological Sciences*
Emily Michelle Hawes - *Molecular Physiology & Biophysics*
George Samuel Hays - *Computer Science*
Mingze He - *Mechanical Engineering*
Rachel Anne Heath - *Religion*
Webster William Heath - *English and Comparative Media Analysis & Practice*
Lucas Alexander Helms - *Political Science*
Colin Henry - *Political Science*
Ji hye Heo - *Economics*
Kaitlin Herbert - *Learning, Teaching, & Diversity*
Kayla Anne Hess - *Chemistry*
Amy L. Hill - *German*
Ryan Lee Hill - *Political Science*



Joseph Thomas Howard - *Mechanical Engineering*
Alexander James Hughes - *Chemistry*
Laura Janakiefski - *Psychological Sciences*
Garrison Lawrence Horswill Johnston - *Mechanical Engineering*
Barrett Jones - *Biomedical Informatics*
Jordan Reese Jurinsky - *Community Research & Action*
Zhuangwei Kang - *Computer Science*
Kathryn Lynn Kapp - *Chemistry*
Benjamin Karl Kesler - *Molecular Physiology & Biophysics*
Yu-Ri Kim - *Sociology*
Sara McCarthy Kirshbaum - *Political Science*
Hannah Kistler - *Leadership & Policy Studies*
Madison Lynn Hohman Knowe - *Learning, Teaching, & Diversity*
Alexandra Claire Koziel - *Chemistry*
Hillary Layden - *Biochemistry*
Rabeb Layouni - *Chemical Engineering*
Thao Do Vy Le - *Molecular Physiology & Biophysics*
Elissa Danielle Ledoux - *Mechanical Engineering*
Ho Hin Lee - *Computer Science*
Xiaobo Lin - *Chemical Engineering*
Trudy Marie Little - *Special Education*
Qimin Liu - *Psychological Sciences*
Ziteng Liu - *Computer Science*
Brandy M. Locchetta - *Special Education*
María López Cavestany - *Biomedical Engineering*
Geran James Lorraine - *Religion*
Yukun Ma - *Economics*
Eric A. MacPhail - *Philosophy*
Lisa Marie Madura - *Philosophy*
Justin Michael Malave - *Physics*
Leah G. Mann - *Neuroscience*
Jonathan Bach Martin - *Biomedical Engineering*
Chad Allen Maxson - *Religion*
Kayleigh J. McCrary - *Economics*
Eli Fritz McDonald - *Chemistry*
Meredith Eavan McLain - *Political Science*



Hidahis Figueroa Mesa - *Leadership & Policy Studies*
Ziran Min - *Computer Science*
Nicole Kathryn Moehring - *Interdisciplinary Materials Science*
Kathryn Yvonne Morgan - *Community Research & Action*
Marc A Nabhan - *Chemical Engineering*
Arya Yogesh Nakhe - *Molecular Physiology & Biophysics*
Katrina Ngo - *Biological Sciences*
Matthew Nice - *Civil Engineering*
Isaac Thomas Nichols-Paez - *Learning, Teaching & Diversity*
Hannah Garrison Nolte - *Nursing Science*
Matthew James O'Neill - *Human Genetics*
Dora Obodo - *Chemical & Physical Biology*
Susan Catherine Olmsted - *Physics*
Cayla Dorothy Ontko - *Molecular Physiology & Biophysics*
Olivia Grace Eldridge Owens - *Chemistry*
Natalie S. Pak - *Special Education*
Neelanjana Pal - *Electrical Engineering*
Jessica Lee Paranczak - *Special Education*
Shrusti Shailesh Patel - *Biomedical Engineering*
Ivette Perez - *Biochemistry*
Yakov Pichkar - *Biological Sciences*
Jacqueline Piekos - *Human Genetics*
Jennifer Marie Pilat - *Cancer Biology*
Raunak Manickavasagam Pillai - *Psychological Sciences*
Marney Squires Pollack - *Special Education*
Andrew Ricardo Puente - *Chemistry*
Hao Qiu - *Electrical Engineering*
Molly K. Richard - *Community Research & Action*
Kelly Anne Richardson - *Chemistry*
Morgan Jill Ringel - *Biomedical Engineering*
Jennifer Rivas - *Nursing Science*
Gabriella Lou Puig Robertson - *Cell & Developmental Biology*
Katrina Volk Robertson - *Molecular Physiology & Biophysics*
Jessica Jean Roetman - *Cancer Biology*
Samantha Elizabeth Rogers - *History*
Alexandra M. Rosado-Roman - *Religion*
Jorge Rua Fernandez - *Biochemistry*



Michael William Rudloff - *Molecular Pathology & Immunology*
Lama Htoi San Lu - *Religion*
Charlotte Rose Sappo - *Biomedical Engineering*
Benjamin Bowen Schwartz - *English*
Colin Quin Sharpe - *Economics*
Amanda Y. Shimizu - *Learning, Teaching, & Diversity*
Jennifer Hope Battle Shuman - *Microbe-Host Interactions*
Rachel Elizabeth Siciliano - *Psychological Sciences*
Michelle Kimberly Sigona - *Biomedical Engineering*
Andrew J. Siladi - *Cell & Developmental Biology*
Ka Kwan Almond Sin - *Religion*
Kritika Singh - *Human Genetics*
Tucker Weldon Smith - *Economics*
Yoojin Sohn - *Cell & Developmental Biology*
Sabrina Kelley Spicer - *Chemistry*
Julie F. Sriken - *Community Research & Action*
Brandon Kyle Stacks - *Mechanical Engineering*
Gordon Stein - *Computer Science*
Haley Elizabeth Stubbs - *Chemical & Physical Biology*
Christopher Milos Tasich - *Environmental Engineering*
Paul Vanisi Taufalele - *Biomedical Engineering*
Abby Lynn Taylor - *Special Education*
Anne Taylor - *Neuroscience*
Brandie Taylor - *Cancer Biology*
Laura Beth Teal - *Pharmacology*
John T. Terrell - *Chemistry*
Sumati Thareja - *Mathematics*
Kimberly Claire Thibeault - *Neuroscience*
Emily Catherine Thompson - *Hearing & Speech Sciences*
Nathaniel Minh-Khôi Tran - *Health Policy & Services Research*
Sirena Chau Tran - *Microbe-Host Interactions*
Katerina Traut - *Political Science*
Nikita Tsyba - *Biological Sciences*
Dominique Tunzi - *Community Research & Action*
Harsh Vardhan - *Computer Science*
Katrina Volk Robertson - *Molecular Physiology & Biophysics*
Ariana Kathryn von Lersner - *Cancer Biology*



Matthew Joseph Vukovich - *Microbe-Host Interactions*
Steven Craig Wall Jr. - *Microbe-Host Interactions*
Alec Bryant Walter - *Biomedical Engineering*
Marina Rae Walters - *History*
Camille Siqi Wang - *Neuroscience*
Cong Wang - *Epidemiology*
Qimeng Wang - *Psychological Sciences*
Wenjun Wang - *Biomedical Engineering*
Yanbing Wang - *Civil Engineering*
Simon Jonathan Ward - *Electrical Engineering*
Lachlan Joseph Watkins - *Economics*
Hannah Lynn Weeks - *Biostatistics*
Valerie Frances Welty - *Biostatistics*
Lauren Elizabeth Wenger - *Chemistry*
James Sebastian White - *Cell & Developmental Biology*
Kayleigh Marie Whitman - *History*
Michelle A. Wiebe - *Microbe-Host Interactions*
Michael Patrick Wilbur - *Computer Science*
Rachael Wolters - *Microbe-Host Interactions*
Hope Woods - *Chemical & Physical Biology*
Damin Xia - *Civil Engineering*
Kaiwen Xu - *Computer Science*
Linhe Xu - *Psychological Sciences*
Qi Yang - *Computer Science*
Sen Yang - *Interdisciplinary Materials Science*
Zezhou Yang - *Chemical Engineering*
Haley Elizabeth Yaremych - *Psychological Sciences*
Heesun Yoo - *Political Science*
Bethany Christine Young - *Nursing Science*
Siyuan Yu - *Environmental Engineering*
Junda Zhu - *Neuroscience*
David Matthew Ziemnicki - *Mechanical Engineering*
James Robert Zimmer-Dauphinee - *Anthropology*
Alisa R. Zoltowski - *Neuroscience*

A complete list of the candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy for 2023-2024 can be found in the [Vanderbilt Commencement Program](#).



HONORS FELLOWS AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS

Founder's Medal for First Honors is awarded for outstanding achievement in the graduating class. Cornelius Vanderbilt's gifts to the university included endowment of this award, first given in 1877.

Lucy Magill Alsip Vollbrecht - *Philosophy*

Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Graduate Scholars are chosen at the time of admission from applicants showing exceptionally high promise in intellectual endeavor and commitment to excellence.

Olubunmi Aderiyike Adegbola - *Religion*

Behrouz Behdani - *Chemical Engineering*

Caroline Beard Colquhoun - *Spanish*

Sahai Couso Diaz - *Spanish*

Christine Nicole Dickason - *Leadership & Policy Studies*

Gillian Nicole Fitz - *Cell & Developmental Biology*

Nicolette Brianne Frazer - *Neuroscience*

Krista A Haapanen - *Community Research & Action*

Christa Erika Hartch - *Nursing Science*

Emily Michelle Hawes - *Molecular Physiology & Biophysics*

Mingze He - *Mechanical Engineering*

Rachel Anne Heath - *Religion*

Jordan Reese Jurinsky - *Community Research & Action*

Sara McCarthy Kirshbaum - *Political Science*

Kartika Kusumadewi - *Economics*

Jonathan Bach Martin - *Biomedical Engineering*

Marc A. Nabhan - *Chemical Engineering*

Adriana Cortee Norris - *Biological Sciences*

Shrusti Shailesh Patel - *Biomedical Engineering*

Yakov Pichkar - *Biological Sciences*

Jackson E. Reimers - *Learning, Teaching & Diversity*

Yanbing Wang - *Civil Engineering*



University Graduate Fellowships are awarded on the basis of merit to entering students who display outstanding promise in research and academic excellence.

Alexandra M. Adamis - *Psychological Sciences*

Francis Doe Yao Agbaglo - *Electrical & Computer Engineering*

Seung Min Baek - *Computer Science*

Chandreyee Bhowmick - *Electrical & Computer Engineering*

Mary Stirling Brown - *Computer Science*

Lucy Magill Alsip Vollbrecht - *Philosophy*

Pietra Taylor Bruni - *Psychological Sciences*

Francisco Agustin Calvache Meyer - *Psychological Sciences*

Anna Catherine Carella - *Political Science*

Laura Janel Carter-Stone - *Learning, Teaching & Diversity*

Kellie Cavagnaro - *Anthropology*

Chloe Alexandra Champagne - *Electrical & Computer Engineering*

Rimma Chnavaian - *Economics*

Jae Il Cho - *Economics*

Lauren Michelle Chojnacki - *Political Science*

Youjin Chung - *Community Research & Action*

Kieran J. Coffey - *History*

Angelique Nicole Crutchfield - *Leadership & Policy Studies*

Adam Jamai Cummings - *Physics*

Joseph Vincent D'Amico IV - *Electrical Engineering*

Bethany R. Daniel - *Learning, Teaching & Diversity*

Jose Luis De Ramon Ruiz - *Spanish*

James Adrian deSilva - *German*

Divya - *Computer Science*

Adam Dee Dodson - *Physics*

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Elgart - *Economics*

Tayfun Efe Ertop - *Mechanical Engineering*

Nicolette Brianne Frazer - *Neuroscience*

Xihan Fu - *Computer Science*

Syed Salik Basharat Geelani - *English*

Jacob Andrew Grayson - *Physics*

Jennifer M. Gutman - *English*

Emily Michelle Hawes - *Molecular Physiology & Biophysics*

Ji hye Heo - *Economics*



Hannah Ingersoll - *Sociology*
Vijay Jalihal - *Civil Engineering*
Laura Janakiefski - *Psychological Sciences*
Justin Parker Jones - *History*
Jamie Gudeon Joseph - *Biostatistics*
Julius Mathieu Russell Joubert - *Economics*
Yu-Ri Kim - *Sociology*
Madison Lynn Hohman Knowe - *Learning, Teaching & Diversity*
Rabeb Layouni - *Chemical Engineering*
Ho Hin Lee - *Computer Science*
Tiffany Lee - *Data Science*
Qiaohairuo Lin - *Economics*
Xiaobo Lin - *Chemical Engineering*
María López Cavestany - *Biomedical Engineering*
Htoi San Lu - *Religion*
Yukun Ma - *Economics*
Lisa Marie Madura - *Philosophy*
Samantha Paige Marshall - *Creative Writing*
Jonathan Bach Martin - *Biomedical Engineering*
Faisal Ahmed Mashrur - *Economics*
Ethan Hunter Mayer - *Electrical Engineering*
Amina McIntyre - *Religion*
Reagin Taylor McNeill - *Learning, Teaching, & Diversity*
Hidahis Figueroa Mesa - *Leadership & Policy Studies*
Nicole Kathryn Moehring - *Interdisciplinary Materials Science*
Rachel Montgomery - *Data Science*
John Mulcare - *Creative Writing*
Marc A. Nabhan - *Chemical Engineering*
Sahana Nagabhushan Kalburgi - *Neuroscience*
Adit Negi - *Computer Science*
Phillip Michael Newman - *Psychological Sciences*
Peace Falina Nyumbaiza - *Economics*
Carlos David Olea - *Computer Science*
Inioluwa Oyebimpe Oyetunji - *Economics*
Kathryn A. Perry - *History*
Alexander Pfannenstein - *Cell & Developmental Biology*
Nam Phuong Phan - *Economics*
Bowen Qu - *Computer Science*



Promod Kalhara Rajaguru - *Data Science*
Katrina Sofia Rbeiz - *Psychological Sciences*
Jackson E. Reimers - *Learning, Teaching, & Diversity*
John C. Roberts - *Law & Economics*
Alexandra M. Rosado-Roman - *Religion*
Brittney Augustina Rose - *Sociology*
Qingchuan Sang - *Chemistry*
Colin Quin Sharpe - *Economics*
Amanda Y. Shimizu - *Learning, Teaching, & Diversity*
Tucker Weldon Smith - *Economics*
Sai Abitha Srinivas - *Biomedical Engineering*
Gordon Stein - *Computer Science*
Matthew Tarizzo - *Sociology*
Sumati Thareja - *Mathematics*
John William Tierney - *Biomedical Engineering*
Jasmin Britney Tindal - *Chemistry*
Alexander Edward Toler - *Chemistry*
Nathaniel Minh-Khôi Tran - *Health & Policy & Services Research*
Katerina Traut - *Political Science*
Yanbing Wang - *Civil Engineering*
Valerie Frances Welty - *Biostatistics*
Claire Raeann Winchester - *Special Education*
Qi Xu - *Economics*
Juliana Yang - *Chemical Engineering*
Qi Yang - *Economics*
Jaehyeong Yu - *Computer Science*
Xuerong Zhang - *Biomedical Engineering*
Zhe Zhang - *Sociology*

A small group of select students has been supported through a university-wide competitive fellowship program known as the Provost's Graduate Fellowships.

Mariah Danielle Caballero - *Community Research & Action*
Youjin Chung - *Community Research & Action*
John Cordoba - *Chemical & Physical Biology*
Danielle Marie Dorvil - *Spanish & Portuguese*
Geran James Lorraine - *Religion*



Ziran Min - *Computer Science*
Nainoa Daniel Norman Ing - *Chemistry*
Adriana Cortee Norris - *Biological Sciences*
Carlos David Olea - *Computer Science*
Susan Catherine Olmsted - *Physics*
Sarah Ward - *Earth & Environmental Sciences*
Kaelyn Jean Warne - *Environmental Engineering*
Lachlan Joseph Watkins - *Economics*
Destiny Wiley-Yancy - *History*

The Center for Teaching Fellows mentors and trains graduate students for future teaching careers.

Jonathan Davies - *Biological Sciences*

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees.

Madeline C. Allen - *Civil Engineering*
Tianshu Bao - *Computer Science*
Lauren Ann Covelli - *Leadership & Policy Studies*
Carlisle Rose DeJulius - *Biomedical Engineering*
Jenna Dombroski - *Biomedical Engineering*
Ronald Brock Fletcher - *Biomedical Engineering*
Derek A. Gloudemans - *Computer Science*
Sarah Elizabeth Goodale - *Biomedical Engineering*
Xueyuan Jia - *Data Science*
Beau P. Johnson - *Mechanical Engineering*
Elissa Danielle Ledoux - *Mechanical Engineering*
Jenna A. Mosier - *Biomedical Engineering*
Jessica Paredes - *Chemistry*
Shrusti Shailesh Patel - *Biomedical Engineering*
Ivette Perez - *Biochemistry*
Raunak Manickavasagam Pillai - *Psychological Sciences*
Molly K. Richard - *Community Research & Action*



Kelly Anne Richardson - *Chemistry*
Morgan Jill Ringel - *Biomedical Engineering*
Nicole Suzanne Sarna - *Biomedical Engineering*
Paul Rangifer Slaughter - *Mechanical Engineering*
Haley Elizabeth Yaremych - *Psychological Sciences*
David Matthew Ziemnicki - *Mechanical Engineering*

National Institutes of Health Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards are given to a diverse pool of highly trained scientists in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs.

Brenna Denise Appleton - *Molecular Pathology & Immunology*
Samantha Petrillo Beik - *Cancer Biology*
Katelyn Adrianna Berg - *Hearing & Speech Sciences*
Joseph Hayne Breeyear - *Human Genetics*
Jessica Anne Collins - *Biochemistry*
Jaclyn Michelle Eissman - *Human Genetics*
Gillian Nicole Fitz - *Cell & Developmental Biology*
Laura Catherine Geben - *Pharmacology*
Monika Eliana Grabowska - *Biomedical Informatics*
Elizabeth Anne Hatmaker - *Biological Sciences*
Hillary Layden - *Biochemistry*
Eli Fritz McDonald - *Chemistry*
Dora Obodo - *Chemical & Physical Biology*
Nicholas Petersen - *Neuroscience*
Jennifer Marie Pilat - *Cancer Biology*
Sydni Caet Smith - *Microbe-Host Interactions*
Paul Vanisi Taufalele - *Biomedical Engineering*
Kimberly Claire Thibeault - *Neuroscience*
Katrina Michelle Volk - *Molecular Physiology & Biophysics*
Ariana Kathryn von Lersner - *Cancer Biology*
Camille Siqi Wang - *Neuroscience*
Melissa Magdalene Wolf - *Cancer Biology*
Rachael Wolters - *Microbe-Host Interactions*



American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowships are awarded to highly trained scientists, with women and underrepresented minorities highly encouraged, in a wide array of academic disciplines (including biology, chemistry, mathematics, technology, and physics), to enhance and improve global cardiovascular health.

Jamal Michael Bryant - *Pharmacology*

Emily Michelle Hawes - *Molecular Physiology & Biophysics*

Matthew Benton Murphy - *Pharmacology*

Kritika Singh - *Human Genetics*

Wenjun Wang - *Biomedical Engineering*

The IBM Ph.D. Fellowship Program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who have an interest in solving problems that are important to IBM and fundamental to innovation in many academic disciplines and areas of study.

Xueqi Cheng - *Civil Engineering*

Elissa Danielle Ledoux - *Mechanical Engineering*

Morgan Jill Ringel - *Biomedical Engineering*

Oliver Theodore Stover - *Civil Engineering*

Kaiwen Xu - *Computer Science*

The Andrew W. Mellon Digital Humanities Fellowship trains graduate students in the humanities to integrate digital technologies into innovative research programs.

Mohammed Abdullah M. Alaloula - *Civil Engineering*

Cathryn Elizabeth Beeson-Lynch - *Sociology*

Kellie Cavagnaro - *Anthropology*

Caroline Beard Colquhoun - *Spanish*

Jennifer M. Gutman - *English*

Webster William Heath - *English*

Amy L. Hill - *German and Comparative Media Analysis & Practice*

Alexandre de Carvalho Pelegrino - *History*

Samantha Elizabeth Rogers - *History*

Kayleigh Marie Whitman - *History*

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The NASA National Space Grant College and Fellowship Project, also known as Space Grant, is a national network of colleges and universities working to expand opportunities for Americans to understand and participate in NASA's aeronautics and space projects by supporting and enhancing science and engineering education, research and public outreach efforts.

Lucas Thomas Wilkins - *Mechanical Engineering*

The Excellence in Graduate Student Mentoring award was established in 2022; this annual award honoring outstanding mentorship affirms the Graduate School's mission of helping our students reach their full potential as scholars and human beings.

Dr. Isabel Gauthier – *David K. Wilson Chair of Psychology; Associate Chair – Department of Psychology; Professor of Radiology and Radiological Sciences; Professor of Psychology*

Dr. Jeffrey Johnston – *Director of Graduate Studies; Stevenson Professor of Chemistry; Co-Director of Cognition & Cognitive Neuroscience Program*

Dr. Ethan Lippmann – *Director of Undergraduate Studies in Chemical Engineering; Associate Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering; Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering; Associate Professor of Neurology; Associate Professor of Chemical and Physical Biology; Training Faculty – Vanderbilt Brain Institute*



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