

Graduate Diversity Office Newsletter

November 2023 Edition



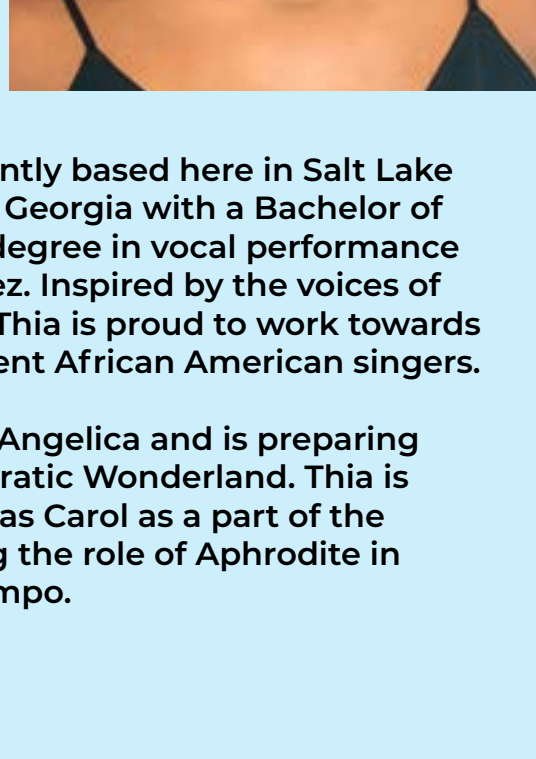
The [Office of Graduate Diversity](https://diversity.gradschool.utah.edu/) serves as the focal point and resource for diversity, equity, and inclusion services, outreach, and consultation for graduate students, faculty and staff at the University of Utah. Our office provides the tools and support necessary to help prospective and enrolled students from diverse backgrounds to successfully achieve their academic goals, graduate, and pursue professional careers.

<https://diversity.gradschool.utah.edu/>

Student Spotlight

Cynthia “Thia” Harris

Masters Student
School of Music, Vocal Performance
Graduate Teaching Assistant 2023-24



Thia Marie Harris is an American mezzo-soprano currently based here in Salt Lake City. Thia graduated from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Music. She is pursuing a master's degree in vocal performance studying with acclaimed mezzo-soprano Kirstin Chavez. Inspired by the voices of Marian Anderson, Jessye Norman and Shirley Verrett, Thia is proud to work towards continuing the legacy of so many other past and present African American singers.

Thia has sung the role of La Badessa in Puccini's Suor Angelica and is preparing the role of The Duchess in Amy Scurria's Alice: An Operatic Wonderland. Thia is currently singing the role of Mrs. Cratchit in A Christmas Carol as a part of the University of Utah Opera's fall productions and singing the role of Aphrodite in Rudman and Leonard's Protectress with Opera Contempo.

You can see Thia in the following performances:

A Christmas Carol

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 at 7:30pm at the Grand Theatre, 1575 S State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84115

<http://grandtheatrecompany.com/amahl-night-visitors-christmas-carol-2023/>

Protectress

Nov. 17 at 7:00pm in the Thompson Concert Hall, 1375 Presidents' Circle, Salt Lake City, UT 84112

David Gardner Music Building, Presidents Circle

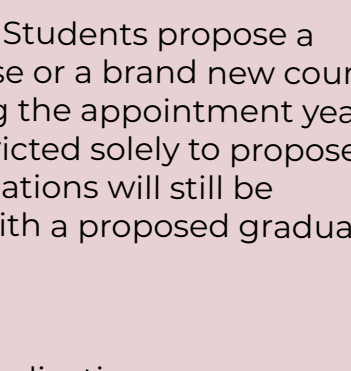
<https://www.operacontempo.com/event-details/protectress-a-new-opera-reading>

Scholarships & Opportunities

Scan the QR code on the right to find

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

and more opportunities for you!



The Graduate School is thrilled to open up our annual applications for the **University Teaching Assistantship** and the **Graduate Research Fellowship**. Both awards are open to all **graduate disciplines**. More info as follows:

The University Teaching Assistantship (UTA)

Supports excellence, innovation, and creativity in teaching. Students propose a course – an innovative, creative revamp of an existing course or a brand new course – and, if appointed, will create and teach that course during the appointment year (Fall 2024/Spring 2025). In previous years, the UTA was restricted solely to proposed undergraduate courses; while in practice the bulk of applications will still be undergraduate-focused, we will accept UTA applications with a proposed graduate course.

UTA Eligibility:

- Must be a current graduate student at the time of application
- Must be in good academic standing
- As this is a teaching excellence award, students should have some teaching training or experience (such as TA experience)
- Must be one of the department's two endorsed candidates

UTA Benefits:

- \$27,000 UTA salary (0.50 FTE, August 16, 2024, thru May 15, 2025) – please note that the department can add to this salary to bring up to department levels
- Health insurance coverage (August 16, 2024, thru August 15, 2025)
- Tuition benefit (if student meets eligibility requirements)

UTA Application: <https://utah.academicworks.com/opportunities/36097>

Student Deadline: December 29, 2023

Recommendation Deadline: January 5, 2025

The Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF)

Provides fellowship (non-work) support for graduate students who are conducting research or creative projects while pursuing the terminal graduate degree. Awarded fellows will have the opportunity to focus more on their research or creative projects with a reduced burden of employment. Students must have passed their comprehensive/qualifying exams by the start of the fellowship year (September 1, 2024).

GRF Eligibility:

- Must be a current graduate student at the time of application
- Must be in good academic standing
- Must have passed qualifying exams by September 1, 2024
- Must be one of the department's two endorsed candidates

GRFP Benefits:

- \$27,000 fellowship (paid in two installments, at the beginning of each the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 academic semesters) – please note that the department can add to this stipend to bring up to department levels
- Health insurance coverage (August 16, 2024, thru August 15, 2025)
- Tuition benefit (if student meets eligibility requirements)

GRF Application: <https://utah.academicworks.com/opportunities/36486>

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The Office of Graduate Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards is here to help students optimize their application opportunities – create a plan/strategy, review drafts, etc. – and advising appointments can be made by emailing fellowships@gradschool.utah.edu. If faculty or program/college leadership have questions, Matthew Plooster is also here to help in helping your students; please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.



Graduate Diversity Enhancement Grants

Graduate students, faculty, & staff are invited to apply for funding to support initiatives that enhance retention practices that allow historically underrepresented students to thrive & excel professionally.

Fall Deadline: December 1, 2023
Spring Deadline: March 1, 2024

Email Proposals To:
diversity@gradschool.utah.edu

More information:

Upcoming Events



Paint Night

NOVEMBER 17TH, 2023
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

College of Social Work
Goodwill Humanitarian Building
Okazaki Meeting Room 155 A & B

Create and connect with other BIPOC graduate students!



RSVP HERE:



GRADITUDE WEEK EVENTS SCHEDULE

NOV. 27TH - 30TH

11/27 3D PRINTING WORKSHOP
MARRIOTT LIBRARY
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

11/27 COFFEE, CHAT & CONNECT
EHSEB
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

11/28 CV/RESUME WORKSHOP
EHSEB
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

11/29 CV/RESUME WORKSHOP
MARRIOTT LIBRARY
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

11/29 FREE HEADSHOTS
MARRIOTT LIBRARY
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

11/29 COFFEE, CHAT & CONNECT
MARRIOTT LIBRARY
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

11/30 PAINTING WITH THE DEAN
FASB - SUTTON BUILDING
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

11/30 YOGA
MARRIOTT LIBRARY
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

11/30 GRADITUDE SOCIAL
MARRIOTT LIBRARY
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

REGISTRATION FOR EACH EVENT IS REQUIRED:



Campus Resources



HEADSHOT WEDNESDAYS

FREE HEADSHOTS!

Wednesdays
11:00 a.m. 'til 1:00 p.m.

Video Studio
Marriott Library



"Have you ever wondered if there was more to life, other than being really, really, ridiculously good looking?" - Derek Zoolander

Tony Sams is in the Video Studio in the Faculty Center on Level 1 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM to help you get your headshot for free. The headshot photo session typically lasts around fifteen minutes. You will be emailed full-size digital files for printing. No appointment necessary.

Simply, stop by the ProtoSpace and get your photo taken by Tony!

Contact: Tony Sams - tony.sams@utah.edu

<https://lib.utah.edu/protospace.php?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D167032138>



Professional Headshots

Get a professional photo for LinkedIn or other profiles - at no cost.

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Please schedule an appointment to get a professional photo with U Career Success at no cost. The link is here: <https://ucareersuccess.as.me/schedule.php?calendarID=8684952>