At the Brian Lamb School of Communication (BLSC) Graduate Program, you’ll find some of the leading and liveliest intellects in the field — thinkers and doers. We conduct research that matters and we collaborate with partners across the world to make an impact on communities. It’s a model we’ve pioneered and many others have followed.

If you’re ready to make your career unstoppable — read on.
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Torsten Reimer
Director of Graduate Studies
WHAT WE OFFER
+ Customized programs of study, with the opportunity to choose a major and minor area(s) that interest you
+ Hands-on education, working side-by-side with faculty — sometimes on grant-funded projects
+ Diverse teaching experience upon graduation
+ State-of-the-art research facilities located centrally on the Purdue campus
+ Communication Graduate Student Association
+ C-SPAN Archives

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Benjamin (Tillman) Russell, research assistant and graduate instructor, explores the complex patterns of communication that create and shape our social environment.
Did you know? For the last 32 years and long before the concept of "service learning" came into vogue, Purdue Communications classes in PR and advertising took on nonprofit clients and worked with these organizations on information campaigns, marketing projects and assorted PR/Ad efforts ... blending classroom and "real-world" experiences ... that tradition continues today.

Theon E. Hill, PhD '13
Assistant Professor
West Chester University

Kudos to #BLSC associate professor Sorin Adam Matei for his new National Science Foundation-funded project, Kredible.net, that examines roles and authority in knowledge markets.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Teaching assistantships, research assistantships and fellowships are available for graduate students to pursue. Here’s how they work.

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Students gain experience teaching COM 11400 — an introductory public speaking course offered to undergraduate students at Purdue. Teaching assistants (TAs) for this course are provided with instruction and teaching materials that include the class syllabus and assignments.

Second- and third-year TAs may teach more advanced classes including interviewing, small group communication, advanced public speaking, science communication or mass communication.

Graduate students also participate as research assistants in funded faculty projects.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

The W. Charles Redding Graduate Fellowship offers first-year PhD students the opportunity to focus on research during their first summer in the graduate communication program. The Cassandra Book Scholarship supports PhD students doing research in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication.

In addition, graduate students have received dissertation grants and fellowships from the University and the College of Liberal Arts.

Purdue’s Graduate School also offers many opportunities, resources and strategies to help you obtain funding.

Visit www.gradschool.purdue.edu/funding for more information.

“Purdue is the place where theory and practice come together to provide a world-class education. Our interdisciplinary research programs of study allow for real flexibility while incorporating a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches.”

Howard Sypher
Founding Head of the Brian Lamb School of Communication
Our faculty are scholars who are globally recognized for their contributions to communication theory and applications. Our research successes are many. We forge strategic collaborations with federal agencies, private foundations and corporations. Purdue research gets translated into real action that makes a real difference in people’s lives. The Motorcycle Safety at Purdue campaign is an example of the scholarship of engagement. This integrated research and teaching effort, directed by Professor Marifran Mattson, includes funded projects by graduate students that translate into community impact, publications in academic journals and media coverage.

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Krishnamurthy Sriramesh
Professor and Distinguished Faculty Scholar
Research focus: Global public health communication and development in West Africa.

Project: Purdue Peace Project (PPP) encourages and assists local citizens and local leaders to take constructive action to prevent violence in conflict-prone regions of the world. PPP seeks to contribute knowledge about preventing violence in fragile states and currently has projects in Ghana, Liberia and Nigeria.

Impact: PPP provides an opportunity for dialogue that ultimately prevents the loss of lives and property.

Research focus: Interpersonal communication in military families whose members are struggling to understand and help loved ones who, after returning from service, are experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder or depression.

Project: Under the direction of Professor Steve Wilson, one project seeks to understand family communication in these contexts and provide military family members with the tools for successful conversations about seeking help for mental health symptoms.

Impact: This project generates important new knowledge about complex family discussions and improves the lives of veterans and their families in Indiana and across the country.

ELIZABETH DORRANCE HALL, PHD STUDENT

AGAPTUS ANAELE PHD STUDENT

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