The Department of Design offers a design-led and research-oriented approach in two graduate program tracks:

Design Research and Development (DRD) expands design knowledge and skills, including environmental and social awareness, co-design and innovative approaches to human-centered, and future-oriented design practices.

Digital Animation and Interactive Media (DAIM) integrates animation, interactivity, and enhanced visualization technology into design practices. DAIM is in collaboration with the Advanced Computing Center for the Arts and Design (ACCAD).

Funding and Financial Support
The Department of Design offers generous financial support to the vast majority of its graduate students. Examples of financial support:

- Graduate School Fellowship
- Graduate Associateship

Financial support may provide students with tuition and fees waiver, health insurance subsidy and an annual stipend (on average a $21,000+).

Application Deadlines
- November 30
  For consideration for Fellowship (International Student)
- January 5
  For consideration for Fellowship (Domestic Student)
- January 13
  For admission with Associateship consideration

Information Sessions
Join the Department of Design Graduate Studies faculty and staff to learn about the MFA Design program in three live online events. In addition to learning more about the program and its two tracks of emphasis, we will review the application process, funding opportunities, and research activities that involve faculty and graduate students.

Session 1: Design Research and Development (DRD)
Monday, October 17, 2022
ONLINE: 4:00PM-5:00PM EST
REGISTER HERE

Session 2: Digital Animation and Interactive Media (DAIM)
Friday, October 21, 2022.
ONLINE: 9:00AM-10:00AM EST
REGISTER HERE

Session 3: Overview of the MFA in Design (covers DRD and DAIM)
Monday, November 7, 2022.
ONLINE: 11:00AM-12:00PM EST
REGISTER HERE

We highly recommend that prospective students consult with a faculty member in your area of interest to gain insight into how to approach and navigate the application process successfully. Potential applicants with specific interests can meet with individual faculty; please use the email addresses provided in the faculty directory.

To inquire about an in-person visit, please email the Graduate Studies Coordinator Michelle Janney (janney.4@osu.edu)

To learn more about the program, funding opportunities, research activities, and the application process: