HDFS research, teaching and outreach help people live their healthiest, most successful and resilient lives. The Oregon State University graduate degree program in Human Development and Family Studies provides research-based training for an interdisciplinary understanding of individuals and families, preparing you for a successful career in research and teaching. Our graduates go on to work in top-tier programs and universities where they have an opportunity to generate and share knowledge that promotes the health and well-being of all people and families.
Connect research with practice in one of the top HDFS programs in the country.

As a graduate student in HDFS, you will collaborate with world-class faculty members on interdisciplinary research across four signature areas:

- Transitions Across the Life Course
- Resilience and Health Across the Lifespan
- Families in Sociocultural Contexts
- Policies and Applications of Developmental and Family Science

You will work closely with faculty on cutting-edge, federally funded research projects, peer-reviewed publications and presentations at national and international conferences, giving you the skills needed to become an independent scholar working in the academic, public or private sectors.

Our students receive funding through research and teaching assistantships, with additional scholarship and fellowship opportunities available. Assistantships include a monthly stipend, full tuition remission and health insurance through the Graduate Student Union.

“From micro to macro, HDFS provides a broad, holistic perspective to make a real difference in people’s lives.”

- Kelly Chandler, PhD

Learn from leaders in the field.

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