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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Melanie Morgan
Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies
Purdue’s communication graduate program is globally focused, flexible and anchored in the premise that good communication moves the world forward.

Our graduate students are ready to excel as researchers and teachers in a highly respected and world-renowned communication graduate program.

The diversity of our students is one of our greatest strengths. Some students come directly from undergraduate programs, but many come from corporate, consulting, government, non-profit and higher education organizations. Their academic backgrounds are just as wide-ranging and include communication, psychology, engineering, business, philosophy and more.

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 Com 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
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Wheaton College

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.

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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 interpersonal communication, organizational communication, interviewing, small group communication, science communication and public relations.

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.

“A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY
Graduate student Kai Kuang gains hands-on experience as a teaching assistant.

Executives from Google and Twitter share their social media insights with Susan Swain, co-president of C-SPAN and co-chair of the BLSC Advisory Board. Photo courtesy of The Exponent.

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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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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.

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