



Design Brief - January 2025

Dear Design Science Community,

We are excited to bring you the January edition of the Design Brief! This newsletter serves as a platform to connect and inform members of the Design Science community at the University of Michigan. Here, you'll find a curated selection of opportunities, updates, and highlights celebrating the accomplishments of our community.

We hope you enjoy our monthly update and find it both valuable and inspiring. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions to help us improve future issues.

Career Resources

Engineering Career Resource Center (ECRC) Workshops

The ECRC offers a range of workshops designed to support your career development. Some upcoming ones include:

- **January 27, 12p-1:30p** | U.S. Job Search for International Students
- **January 29, 12p-1p** | Interview Essentials
- **February 4, 12p-1p** | Job Offer Evaluation and Negotiation

Check this [PDF](#) file for details on the ECRC workshop.
Visit the [ECRC](#) website for more useful resources.

Design Science Career Chats

February 13, 9:00a-5:00p
| Design Science Student

[SIGN UP IS NOW OPEN!](#)

Have a quick **15-minute virtual chat** with an Engineering Career Advisor from ECRC. Ask them anything—from where your peers are landing jobs, to job search strategies, to personalized resume feedback.



THU 2/13
9AM - 5PM

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It's a chance to get the advice you need, fast. Let's get you one step closer to your career goals!

Register for a chat in Career Fair Plus
app.careerfairplus.com/ume_mi/fair/5587

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Upcoming Workshops

Self-Defense Workshops

The Engineering C.A.R.E. Center is partnering with DPSS to offer two more self-defense courses this academic year, open to all U-M faculty, staff and students. No registration is required. Click on the links below to add directly to your Google Calendar.

[Tuesday, February 4, 11:30a-1:00p | 1180 Duderstadt](#)
[Wednesday, March 5, 12:00p-1:30p | 1180 Duderstadt](#)

The workshops, facilitated by DPSS, will explore the culture of violence, and teach concrete but practical effective skills for personal safety and physical self-defense in a wide variety of contexts. Attendees should plan to dress comfortably.

Upcoming Conference

25th International Conference on Engineering Design (ICED25)



**August 11-14,
Dallas, Texas, USA**

Conference Theme: *Design is a Team Sport*
Conference details can be found through this [link](#).

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

January 28, 1p-2p | W25 DESCi 503 Info Session

- In-person: 2636 GGBA (GG Brown) & via Zoom: [registration link](#).
- More information on the DESCi 503 capstone course can be found [here](#).

January 28 | Drop/add deadline for full-term classes

March 1 - March 10 | Spring Break (no class)

April 8 | SS25 Capstone Project Proposal Deadline

April 22 | Classes end

Campus Events

Here's some information about what's happening at the University of Michigan that might interest you. Check [Happening @ Michigan](#) for more events and details.

January 27, 5:30p-7:00p | Data Cleaning With R - Data Download Workshop Series ([Link](#))

January 27, 3:30p-4:30p | Pitch Perfect: How to Effectively Network and Build a Strong Pitch ([Link](#))

January 28, 12:30p-2:00p | Cover Letters and Resumes for Internships and Positions Beyond the Tenure Track ([Link](#))

January 30, 11:30p-12:30p | Engineering an Inclusive Culture and Learning Environment ([Link](#))

January 30, 12:00p-3:00p | Automotive Company Day ([Link](#))

January 30, 2:00p-3:30p | Rackham Doctoral Intern Fellowship Program Info Session ([Link](#))

January 31, 1:00p-2:30p | Writing Literature Reviews ([Link](#))

February 1, 11:00a-4:00p | Student Summit: Elevating Careers, Empowering Futures in STEM ([Link](#))

Design Science Program Updates

We are pleased to announce that Design Science is now administratively housed under the [Associate Dean for Graduate and Professional Studies](#) as part of their **Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs**. This transition was implemented as part of on-going strategic initiatives within the **College of Engineering**, which included a restructuring in the operations and management of the six programs under Integrative Systems and Design (ISD), including the Design Science program, beginning July 1, 2024.

There are no changes to the program's academic degree focus or offerings, and in the new administrative model Design Science is currently supported by a Faculty Director, Department Administrator, and Program Manager/Graduate Coordinator.

This team is working diligently to solidify and expand services and opportunities for students, such as the upcoming ECRC Career Chats and the new Design Science Student Center in Canvas. We look forward to hearing your suggestions as to what additional activities, resources, or information would be helpful to have!

Program Resources

Design Science Canvas Center

Be sure to check the [Design Science Student Center](#) for program-related announcements, documents, frequently asked questions, and resources!



Here is some key information you can find on Canvas:

- **DESCI Masters Information**
- **DESCI PhD Information**
- **DESCI 503 Capstone Information**
- **Wellness Resources**
- **Career Resources**
- **Frequently Asked Questions**

Contacts

We have created a shared document with information about the DESCi program faculty and staff, including how we can assist you with any concerns related to your academic or career plans. The document provides each faculty and staff member's contact details

and office hours, making it easy for you to schedule an appointment with the person best suited to address your needs.

[Design Science Program Staff Contact Info](#)

Spotlight

Staff Spotlight



Carolina S. Benn (she/her)

Design Science Program Manager

Hi everyone! My name is Carolina Benn and I serve as the Program Manager and Graduate Coordinator for the Design Science Program. I currently also serve as the Program Manager for the Macromolecular Science and Engineering Program, where I have been for a year. I am a proud alum, receiving my Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, my Master of Science from Purdue University Global, and currently am pursuing my Doctorate of Education.

I have been at the University of Michigan for over 3 years now and am excited to get to know you all better as I integrate into the Design Science Program!

Call For Content

Do you have news, events, achievements, or opportunities you'd like to share with the Design Science community? We'd love to hear from you!

Send your content or ideas to desci-gradcoord@umich.edu, and it could be featured in an upcoming edition of the Design Brief!

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