

DR. BENJAMIN SMUCKER

Ph.D.

Benjamin Smucker is an engineer, educator, and recent graduate passionate about helping students navigate graduate school with curiosity, balance, and a thoughtful Christian faith.

Location:

Corvallis, Oregon

Mentoring Strengths:

- Dissertation/Thesis Support
- Stress or Anxiety Management
- Work-Life Balance
- Faith and Spiritual Growth

What do you hope to contribute as a mentor?

I would like to help support grad students. Grad school was a challenging time for me, and the advice and encouragement of others who were going through or had gone through grad school was vital for me.

What special experiences do you have to contribute?

Recent Ph.D. Graduate (2023), Experience as a Graduate Teaching Assistant

Linkedin

PROFESSIONAL BIO

Dr. Benjamin Smucker is an instructor in Mechanical Engineering at Oregon State University, where he also completed his Ph.D. and experienced firsthand many of the challenges and opportunities of graduate school. During his graduate studies, Benjamin became involved with Christian Graduate Fellowship, where relationships with Christians from a variety of traditions helped deepen his faith and showed him how intellectual curiosity and Christian belief can meaningfully complement one another.

Now on the other side of his graduate-school journey, Benjamin wants to offer students the same kind of encouragement and perspective that proved valuable to him. As a mentor, he brings recent experience with research, dissertation work, academic life, stress, and balancing competing priorities. He especially enjoys encouraging students to remain curious beyond their area of expertise, explore their calling with an open mind, and pursue both academic growth and a flourishing life of faith.

UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

Oregon State University
Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering
B.S. Mechanical Engineering

Linn-Benton Community College
Coursework Mechanical Engineering

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Instructor Mechanical Engineering
Oregon State University