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DID YOU KNOW THAT?

A Newsletter for Graduate Students in Arts & Sciences

Graduate Research Symposium

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 4, 2009

The Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Association of The College of William and Mary invites all graduate students in the fields of Arts & Sciences to submit abstracts for the 9th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, to be held **March 26 & 27, 2010**. The broadly themed conference is designed to bring together graduate students from differing areas of study and from all stages of the degree process. The congenial setting and professionally-oriented environment provides an opportunity for students to explain and discuss their research, while fostering community relationships across discipline boundaries. Abstracts of *1700 characters (approximately 250 words)* are requested for the following categories of submission:

- **ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Disciplines in the Natural and Computational Sciences will have 12 minutes to present with 3 minutes for questions and disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences will have 16 minutes to present with 4 minutes for questions.

- **POSTER PRESENTATIONS:** Presenters are asked to be available for about one hour to discuss their work with symposium attendees. Size of posters must be limited to dimensions of no larger than 48" x 48".

To submit an abstract, please visit **http://web.wm.edu/grs/** and follow the instructions on the form. All accepted abstracts will be printed in the symposium program available at the event. Please be aware that abstracts are reviewed on a competitive basis. All accepted presenters will be notified by the Graduate Research Symposium Committee in January 2010. Following abstract acceptance, presenters invited from other colleges and universities will be required to pay a conference registration fee of $60.00. Approximately $4,600 in anticipated awards will be made to presenters in several categories.

Important Information on W&M Health Care and Insurance Eligibility for 2009-2010

(1) If you are a continuous enrollment or part-time student in the Fall 2009 semester and you have been billed for the College's Student Insurance Plan, please contact Trista Sikes immediately at trsike@wm.edu to have this charge removed from your account, as you are not eligible even if you pay the charge.

(2) As explained in previous editions of this newsletter, students who are registered full-time or with Research Graduate status in the Fall semester and who specifically requested to be enrolled in the "Annual" coverage (NOT "Annual in Installments") will continue to be eligible for and enrolled in the College's Student Insurance Plan even if they become part-time or continuous enrollment students in the Spring semester, because the Annual coverage begins on 8/1 and concludes on 7/31. Note that such insured part-time or continuous enrollment students continue to be eligible for pharmacy services but not medical services at the W&M Student Health Center once they fall below full-time status or are no longer registered with Research Graduate status

(3) All students who are registered full-time or with Research Graduate status are eligible for use of all services offered at the W&M Student Health Center with payment of the appropriate fees. Such students are also eligible to enroll in the College's Student Insurance Plan. Students must meet the Student Health Center and Insurance eligibility requirements each semester. Full-time or Research Graduate students admitted to the College (or their academic program) for Fall 2006 or later WILL BE ENROLLED in the Student Insurance each semester and the cost will be billed to their student account in two installments (fall and spring semester) UNLESS proof of other adequate health insurance is furnished by submitting a Waiver Request each academic year before the posted deadline.

(4) There is an option for up to six months of "Continuation coverage" at $259/month for students who have been insured on the College's Student Insurance Plan for at least 90 days but who no longer meet the eligibility requirements, for example: (a) students who are full-time or Research Graduate students, are enrolled in the Fall coverage only or were billed for the Annual coverage in installments (i.e., billed each semester), and then become part-time or continuous enrollment students in the Spring semester, or (b) students who are full-time or Research Graduate students in the Fall semester, are enrolled in the Fall only coverage, and graduate in January. The application and premium payment for Continuation coverage must be completed directly with the insurance company using a mail-in enrollment form (no online enrollment available) and cannot be billed to the student account, unlike the premium for the regular student policy.

(5) The one-year term Student Insurance policy terminates each year on 7/31, so eligible students who have active Spring/Summer coverage (either by enrolling in the "Annual" coverage, the "Annual in Installments" coverage or the Spring/Summer coverage) continue to be eligible for and enrolled in the Student Insurance Plan during the summer even if they graduate in May and/or are not registered during the summer. Full-time or Research Graduate status in the spring semester qualifies students for use of the Student Health Center in the summer, with payment of the summer Student Health Center fees, unless the student graduates in May. Insured students who graduate in May are eligible until 7/31 for pharmacy services but not medical services at the W&M Student Health Center after they graduate.

The above information is subject to change; please see the Student Health Center web page at http://www.wm.edu/offices/healthcenter/index.php for updates. If there are questions about the above, please contact the Student Insurance Coordinator, Trista Sikes, at trsike@wm.edu, with a cc to Dean Laurie Sanderson at slsand@wm.edu.

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC)
2010-2011 Scholarship and Fellowship Program

W&M graduate students are very competitive for the following fellowships from the Virginia Space Grant Consortium. During the past two years, seven W&M A&S graduate students have received new $5,000 research fellowships and six W&M A&S grad students have received $5,000 renewals. The term "aerospace" is interpreted very broadly, although the application should explain the aerospace relevance of the research. If you have questions about these fellowships, please feel free to e-mail Dean Laurie Sanderson (slsand@wm.edu).

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) is pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Scholarship and Fellowship Program. Each academic year, the VSGC awards approximately $300,000 in scholarships and fellowships to students attending the five VSGC member institutions, including W&M. Graduate Research Fellowships are $5,000 awards (renewable for one year) of add-on graduate support for students enrolled at a Virginia Space Grant university pursuing any field of graduate study in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) with aerospace relevance (Masters or Doctoral level). More information about the VSGC Scholarship and Fellowship Program, including a link to the application, can be found at http://vsgc.odu.edu/. Applications are due February 8, 2010.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Priority Registration for continuing students began on November 2, 2009. Students are asked to pre-register prior to December 1 so that their student accounts will be as accurate as possible before E-bills are processed in mid-December.

Add/Drop Period: Students can add and drop courses online beginning January 20 through January 29.

Withdrawal Period: After January 29 registration changes must be submitted on an Add/Drop/Withdrawal form for the Dean's approval and processing. [Please contact the Registrar and Administrator of Graduate Student Services.]

Last day to submit theses and dissertations for January conferral of degrees is December 11, 2009! It is recommended that students submit a complete draft for review of format by November 20, 2009.

Graduation Fees

Master's and Doctoral Degree Students

Binding Fees (3 copies, $7.00 each).

Doctoral Degree Students only

- Dissertation Filing Fee ($65) – formerly Microfilming fee
- Copyright Fee (optional $65)
- Dissertation Publishing Fee (Open Access, optional $95). Please note that if you select one of the Open Access publishing options, you must also pay this fee at the Cashier's office.

ProQuest/UMI Dissertation Agreement Form

Doctoral degree students should refer to the following website to obtain the "2009 Dissertation Publishing Agreement" form(s) and to review additional publishing options that are available. See web site at http://www.il.proquest.com/dissertationagree/. When accessing this site use "dissertations" as the login and "publish" as the password.

Physical Standards for Theses and Dissertations. Please note that the Physical Standards for Theses and Dissertations have been updated to the new guidelines which have minor revisions dated 11/09/09. The updated standards can be found on the following site. http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/studentresources/physicalstandards/index.php ****Please note that a Compliance Committee Form is REQUIRED for all theses and dissertations.**

Survey of Earned Doctorates Form

This form must be submitted by graduating doctoral degree students and can be obtained at http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/forms/SurveyOfEarnedDoctorates.pdf.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS TODAY, TO ENSURE PROPER DELIVERY OF YOUR W-2 NEXT YEAR. You can update you address via Self-Service, by logging in to MyWM.edu. Remember to click on Personal Information and Update your Address(s) and Phone(s). If you do not have access to the web, you can also, fill out a change of address form; (http://www.wm.edu/offices/hr/forms/index.php) and return it our office via interoffice mail to Payroll, PO Box 8795. If you have any questions, please call 221-2848.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE FUNDING Applications must be received in the office of the Student Activities Accountant no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 10 for travel between Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2010. For applications or additional information contact Anita Hamlin 221-3271 or email: ayhaml@wm.edu. Applications can be can be picked up in Campus Center or printed online at http://www.wm.edu/offices/studentactivities/funding/conferences/apply/index.php.

CAMPUS CONVERSATION 2 "Does Research Bring Us Together? The Blend of Teaching and Research in W&M in the 21st Century". December 2, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Sadler Center, Tidewater Room A. One thread that connects the many elements of W&M as a liberal arts college is research (a word meant to convey the full range of creative production across all our programs, departments and schools). This next public event in our conversation on W&M as a liberal arts university in the 21st century focuses on the role of research. Three faculty panelists will lead off the discussion, and Provost Michael Halleran will serve as moderator.

NORTHEAST CONSORTIUM FOR FACULTY DIVERSITY VISITING DISSERTATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM. To support graduate students as they write their dissertations, several campuses in the Northeast host Visiting Scholars-in-Residence. The campuses include: U. Rochester, Colgate U., Allegheny College, Northeastern U., and Monmouth U. For more info, go to www.diversityoncampus.com. Deadline for applications is January 1, 2010.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VIRGINIA CONSERVATION NETWORK (VCN) LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP: ADVANCING OUR COMMON AGENDA. Saturday, December 5, 2009 9:00 am -1:00 pm, Capitol Building, Richmond, VA. Hear from experts with Sierra Club, CBF, SELC, PEC and other leading environmental groups about the challenges and opportunities for conservation in 2010 and receive the 2010 Conservation Briefing Book. VCN is the statewide organization that focuses on the environment of the Commonwealth in a comprehensive and inclusive manner. Cost: $12 in advance, ($15 after Dec. 1) For additional details please visit: http://www.vcnva.org/.

WILLIAMSBURG FARMERS MARKET. Saturdays, November 28 and December 12. Williamsburg Farmers Markets located in Merchants Square will be full of fall produce, meat, seafood, decorations, baked goods, and gifts during the holidays. At these lively markets customers can shop with both regular and guest vendors.
www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com

THE NUTCRACKER Saturday December 19 2:00pm and 7:30pm and Sunday December 20, 2:00pm, Phi Beta Kappa Hall. Virginia Regional Ballet's 2009 production of *The Nutcracker* marks Ms. Heidi Robitshek's 32st production of this beloved Christmas classic. VRB Academy's most promising students, local and out of state professional dancers are delighted to bring you the beloved tale of Klara and her Nutcracker Prince, the Mouse King, dancing snowflakes, the Sugar Plum Fairy, and all the wonders of the Land of Sweets! Come see this spectacular production sparkle with excellence from each dancer, delightful costumes, and beautiful sets. Tickets $20-$30. For tickets and additional information: http://www.dancevrb.com/upcomingperformance.html

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

See more Funding Opportunities at
http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/studentresources/fundingsources/index.php

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) OFFICE OF SCIENCE (SC) HAS ESTABLISHED THE DOE OFFICE OF SCIENCE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP (DOE SCGF) program to provide support for outstanding students to pursue graduate training in basic research in areas of physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics, engineering, computational sciences, and environmental sciences relevant to the Office of Science and to encourage the development of the next generation scientific and technical talent in the U.S. Fellows will receive a $35,000 yearly stipend for living expenses, $10, 500 per year for tuition and fees and a $5,000 research stipend supplement for research materials and travel expenses. Fellows will be required to participate in the annual DOE SCGF Research Conference to be held each summer at a DOE national laboratory. Travel expenses and accommodations to the Conference will be provided by the DOE SCGF program.
THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 30, 2009. For more information about the program, eligibility, benefits and application visit http://www.scied.science.doe.gov/SCGF.html The DOE SCGF program is managed by the DOE Office of Science's Office of Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists (WDTS) and administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE).

MAURICE AND MARILYN COHEN FUND FOR DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS IN JEWISH STUDIES. The Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Fund for Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships in Jewish Studies encourages scholarly research, publication and teaching in the various disciplines of Jewish studies. Established in 1960, we have awarded fellowships to nearly 600 scholars, including many leaders in the field. The Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships in Jewish Studies are made for one academic year and are given for the final stages of completing a dissertation, typically in the fifth year of study. Applicants should be completed all doctoral requirements, except for the completion of their thesis, and must show evidence of being able to complete their thesis within the fellowship year. The Foundation currently awards five Fellowships at $16,000 per grant.
For more information about the program please contact grants@jewishculture.org or visit www.jewishculture.org. All application materials are due on or before 4 PM on **Friday, January 6, 2010**.

INSTITUTE FOR HUMANE STUDIES (IHS) FELLOWSHIPS. Humane Studies Fellowships are awarded to students interested in exploring the principles, practices, and institutions necessary for a free society through their academic work. IHS began the program in 1983 as the Claude R. Lambe Fellowships and in 2009 awarded more than 165 fellowships ranging from $2,000 to $12,000. IHS considers applications from those who will be full-time graduate students, including law and journalism students, or undergraduate juniors or seniors during the 2010-11 academic year and who have a clearly demonstrated research interest in the intellectual and institutional foundations of a free society. Previous award winners have come from a range of fields such as economics, philosophy, law, political science, anthropology and literature. **Application deadline December 31, 2009**. If you have any questions, please visit the frequently asked questions page and read about the application process. If you need assistance after reading the FAQs, please submit a question via our contact form.

SIGMA DELTA EPSILON/GRADUATE WOMEN IN SCIENCE, INC. (SDE/GWIS) NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM. SDE/GWIS offers fellowships for two purposes: (1) to increase knowledge in the fundamental sciences and (2) to encourage research careers in the sciences by women. Fellowship awards are for research in all the natural sciences, including: physical, environmental, mathematical, computer, life sciences, anthropology, psychology and statistics. To be eligible, the applicant must be enrolled as a graduate student, or engaged in post-doctoral or early-stage junior faculty academic research, and demonstrate financial need for continuation or completion of their research. Membership in SDE/GWIS is not required for application for the GWIS Fellowships. **Application deadline January 15, 2010.** An application processing fee of $25 is required at the time of application. Additional information and applications can be found on the web at http://gwis.org/programs.html.

DOLE INSTITUTE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP. The Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas is announcing a Research Fellowship for the 2009-2010 academic year. Graduate students and post-doctoral scholars are eligible to apply for this one-time $2,500 award which will support substantial contributions to the study of Congress, politics or policy issues. The successful fellow will be required to conduct research at the Dole Archive for a period of 1-3 weeks. In addition, the Fellow will be required to submit a final copy of any thesis, dissertation, article or book produced through the Fellowship as well as submitting to the Dole Institute a 500-1000 word statement describing the research conducted here that will be used by the Dole Institute for print and electronic dissemination. Applications for the 2009-2010 Dole Institute Research Fellowship are due on or before **December 15, 2009.** http://www.doleinstitute.org/archives/grants.shtml Please direct all questions regarding the Dole Institute Research Fellowship to Morgan R. Davis, Senior Archivist, 785-864-1405 or mrd@ku.edu.

AAUW (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN) CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS support women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. Special consideration is given to women of color, and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields. Academic excellence, commitment to improving the human condition, and the promise of continued impact are cornerstones of the rigorous criteria. Grants provide support for course work beyond a bachelor's degree, including a master's degree, second bachelor's degree, or specialized training in technical or professional fields. Funds are available for distance learning. Course work must be taken at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States, or at a technical school that is fully licensed or accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Funds are not available for PhD-level work. Awards range from $2,000 - $12,000. **Application deadline December 15, 2009.**
http://www.aauw.org/education/fga//fellowships_grants/career_development.cfm