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DID YOU KNOW THAT?

A Newsletter for Graduate Students in Arts & Sciences

FROM THE A&S GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA)

GSA SUPPLEMENTAL CONFERENCE TRAVEL FUNDING. Through a collaborative effort between the Office of Graduate Studies and Research (OGSR) and the GSA, a limited number of **$200** awards are available to assist selected Arts & Sciences graduate students who are attending or presenting at a research conference. The OGSR/GSA Conference Funding competitively awards **Arts & Sciences** graduate students who wish to attend or present at research conferences in their field of study. Conference Funding is financed through the Office of Graduate Studies and Research; however, it is solely administered by the GSA. The goal of Conference Funding is to supplement other funding sources and to help offset the expenses that graduate students accrue advancing their scholarship and knowledge. Since conference experience and attendance are critical for the job market, Conference Funding is designed to encourage graduate student presence at conferences by addressing some of the limitations of other funding sources. The **application deadline** for **conference travel taken during the period September 1 – December 31, 2009** is **October 30, 2009**. For more information and the application, please see http://www.wm.edu/so/gsa/instructions.php.

FREE LANGUAGE TRANSLATION REFRESHER WORKSHOPS for grad students preparing to take the language exam and other interested graduate students. Both the Spanish and French workshops are in progress. The Office of Graduate Studies and Research and the Graduate Center are sponsoring these language translation refresher workshops in Spanish, French, and German. The Directors of Graduate Studies in American Studies, History, and Anthropology recommend these for students who are preparing to take the language exam in these disciplines and need a refresher. Each workshop will consist of a two-hour session per week for five weeks. If you're interested and have not already provided your name to Mikal Gaines, please contact him as soon as possible at mjgain@wm.edu.

NEWS & INFORMATION

FREE TESTING FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AT STUDENT HEALTH CENTER. For full-time students who have paid the Student Health Center fee, the W&M Student Health Center will not charge to test for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, HIV, or the physical doctor's exam to check for herpes and genital warts. These tests formerly cost as follows: Chlamydia $18, Gonorrhea $18, Syphilis $10, HIV $25, a physical exam to rule out herpes or genital warts $5. Regular full-time graduate students have already paid the Student Health Center fee as part of their tuition. During the academic year, Research Graduate students whose tuition is paid through the Office of Graduate Studies and Research also have the Student Health Center fee paid for them. Other Research Graduate students are responsible for paying the Student Health Center fee. Continuous enrollment students and part-time students are not eligible to use the Student Health Center.

W&M PIZZA LUNCH TO LEARN ABOUT APPLYING FOR VIRGINIA SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS, Wednesday, October 28, 12:00-12:50 p.m., McGlothlin-Street Hall Room 20. 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. Representatives from the Virginia Space Grant Consortium will provide information about applying for these valuable fellowships. Students can be pursuing any field of study with aerospace relevance (Masters or Doctoral level). 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 and cannot join the pizza lunch, feel free to e-mail Dean Laurie Sanderson (slsand@wm.edu). More information can be found at http://www.vsgc.odu.edu/.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST PUBLIC FORUM ON W&M AS A LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY October 29, 2009, 3:30-5:00PM, Sadler Center, Tidewater Room A. The question for discussion: "**Is a Liberal Arts University Possible?: William & Mary in the 21st Century."** Four faculty will provide different perspectives on this topic, with lively discussion and audience participation. Contact: Call 221-1993.

OIEAHC COLLOQUIUM, Tuesday, October 27, 7 p.m., Swem Library. **"He Who Views the Scene, with Indifference, is Worse Than an Infidel": Viewing Indian Country and the Limits of Sensibility on the Continental Army's Western Expedition of 1779".** A Paper by Phil Meade of Harvard University will be presented Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Kellock Library Conference Room at the Institute, Swem Library, Ground Floor. A light supper will be served at the Institute following the seminar. Anyone who wishes to partake or would like a copy of the paper should contact Melody Smith at (757) 221-1197 or mlsmit@wm.edu.

PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM, Friday, October 30, 2009, 4:00 p.m. Small Hall 109. David Richards, Jefferson Lab, will present **"Exploring the Spectram of QCD: Uncovering the Binding of Quarks & Gluons"**. An abstract can be found at: http://www.wm.edu/as/physics/events/colloquium_richards.php Additional information contact Carol Hankins cshank@wm.edu.

MERCURY: A HAZARD WITHOUT BORDERS, FALL 2009 FILM/LECTURE SERIES, Thursday, October 29, 2009, 5 PM, Andrews Hall Room 101. Hardy Jones, the Executive Director of BlueVoice.org, is a former journalist with CBS News and UPI. Known as the "Dolphin Defender," he has been making television documentaries about the oceans and marine mammals in particular for more than 20 years. "The experience of forcing Japanese fishermen to release hundreds of dolphins simply by pointing a camera at them led to the original concept of BlueVoice.org," says Jones. "The advent of the internet has given us a tool of unprecedented power to end some of the brutalities committed against marine mammals and the oceans." BlueVoice.org draws on the hundreds of hours of film produced by Hardy Jones/Julia Whitty Productions, a leading production company specializing in films on the marine environment.

HEALTHCARE REFORM 2009: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID? Wednesday, October 28th, 2009, 5:00 pm — 6:30 pm, Admissions Office Auditorium, 116 Jamestown Road. Join College of William & Mary faculty and local health policy experts as they discuss what proposed healthcare reforms may mean for Medicare and Medicaid and the people served by them. Participants will include:

- Chris Howard, Harriman Professor of Government and Public Policy
- Rene Cabral-Daniels, Vice President of Grant Programs, Williamsburg Community Health Foundation
- Christine Jensen, Research Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Director of Community and Health Services Research, CEAGH
- John Littel, AMERIGROUP Corporation
- Louis F. Rossiter, Research Professor of Public Policy

Panelists will address a wide range of topics including: the status of pro-posed reforms, gaps in existing proposals, changes in program benefits and eligibility affecting older adults and low income populations, and the implications of reform for states, providers, and nonprofit healthcare agencies. Following prepared comments, panelists will take questions from audience participants. Sponsored by THE SCHROEDER CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY and The Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy. To submit a question to the panel in advance, email schroeder@wm.edu.

DID YOU KNOW THAT? The newsletter for Graduate Students in Arts & Sciences is published each week during the fall and spring semesters. We welcome your submissions. Copy may be edited for length. Submission should be sent to cyroberts@wm.edu.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR GRADUATE DEGREES FOR MINORITIES IN ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE, INC. (GEM). The National GEM Consortium's primary focus is to administer and award fellowships with paid internships to highly qualified under-represented students who wish to pursue graduate studies in engineering or science. GEM's program activities, however, go beyond financial support by engendering student success in academic and professional environments. GEM has a solid success record in implementing effective programs to increase the recruitment, retention, and graduation of under-represented students. Candidates are targeted for participation who are members of the following under-represented groups in science and engineering as defined by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics: American Indian/Native; African American/Black; Hispanic American/Latino. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident at time of application. **Application deadline: November 15.** For additional information please visit http://www.gemfellowship.org/apply/about-the-gem-fellowship

AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE 2010-2011. The ABF sponsors fellowship programs for postdoctoral scholars, doctoral candidates, graduate and undergraduate students. All fellowships are held in residence at the ABF's offices in Chicago.

***ABF Doctoral Fellowship Program**:* The American Bar Foundation is committed to developing the next generation of scholars in the field of law and social science. The purpose of the fellowships is to encourage original and significant research on law, the legal profession, and legal institutions. Click here for more information. **Application deadline is December 15, 2009.** For additional details, please visit http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities/ABFDoctoralFellowshipProgram.html

Law and Social Science Dissertation Fellowship and Mentoring Program (LSS Fellowship)
The Law and Society Association, in collaboration with the American Bar Foundation and the National Science Foundation, has launched the Law and Social Science Dissertation Fellowship and Mentoring Program (LSS Fellowship) which is designed to foster scholars in the Law and Society tradition and whose scholarship is on Law and Inequality. Click here for more information. **Application deadline is December 1, 2009.** For additional details, please visit
http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities/LawandSocialScienceDissertationFellowshipMentoringProgram.html

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR JEFFERSON STUDIES AT MONTICELLO TRAVEL GRANTS. Travel grants are available on a limited basis for scholars and teachers wishing to make short-term visits to Monticello to pursue research or educational projects related to Jefferson. Applicants should submit a succinct description of the research project (500 words), a one paragraph summary of the project, and a résumé. Two references should be sent directly to the Center at the address below. Awards are made twice yearly; **application deadlines are April 1 and November 1.** For additional details please visit http://monticello.org/research/fellowships/travelgrants.html

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CANADIAN STUDIES, through the Canadian Embassy, Washington, D.C., **DOCTORAL STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD**. The Doctoral Student Research Award promotes research that contributes to a better knowledge and understanding of Canada, its relationship with the United States, and its international affairs. The grant is designed to give doctoral students an opportunity to conduct part of their research in Canada. We welcome efforts to integrate the research findings into the applicant's conference presentations. We are particularly interested in projects that have policy relevance for Canada and Canada-U.S. relations. Topics that are highly relevant to Canada-U.S. relations include smart and secure borders; North American economic competitiveness; regulatory cooperation; Canada-U.S. trade and investment partnership; energy security and sustainability; environmental sustainability; emergency planning and management; Canada-U.S. security and defense cooperation; Canada in Afghanistan; global health policy; and changing demographics in North America. We strongly encourage projects that include collaboration with researchers at Canadian institutions. This program is intended for doctoral students at accredited U.S. and Canadian four-year colleges and universities whose dissertations are related in substantial part to the study of Canada or Canada-U.S. relations. Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States and should have completed all doctoral requirements except the dissertation when they apply for a grant. Applicants are ineligible to receive the same grant in two consecutive years. In 2008-09, the Canadian Studies Grant Program provided support to faculty, researchers, and graduate students at 79 universities, colleges, and institutions in 29 states. More than 100 projects were funded on a wide range of topics and in many disciplines. Click here for a list of recent grant recipients and their projects. **Applications due: December 1, 2009**. For additional details please visit http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/washington/studies-etudes/doctoral-doctorat.aspx?lang=eng
or contact Daniel Abele, PhD, Head, Research and Academic Relations, Embassy of Canada daniel.abele@international.gc.ca

THE IBM PH.D. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM for the 2010-2011 academic year is now open for nominations. Nominations will be accepted from September 22 to October 29, 2009. The IBM Ph.D. Fellowship Awards Program is an intensely competitive worldwide program, which honors exceptional Ph.D. students who have an interest in solving problems that are important to IBM and fundamental to innovation in many academic disciplines and areas of study. These include: computer science and engineering, electrical and mechanical engineering, physical sciences (including chemistry, material sciences, and physics), mathematical sciences (including optimization), business sciences (including financial services, communication, and learning/knowledge), and service science, management, and engineering (SSME). Additionally, IBM pays special attention to an array of focus areas. For details on the focus areas, see Frequently Asked Questions or contact phdfellow@us.ibm.com**.** **Application deadline October 29, 2009.** https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/university/phdfellowship/#scope.

American Educational Research Association (AERA) Dissertation Grants. With support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the AERA Grants Program announces its Dissertation Grants competition. The program seeks to stimulate research on U.S. education issues using data from the large-scale, national and international data sets supported by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), NSF, and other federal agencies, and to increase the number of education researchers using these data sets. The program supports research projects that are quantitative in nature, include the analysis of existing data from NCES, NSF or other federal agencies, and have U.S. education policy relevance. AERA invites education-related dissertation proposals using NCES, NSF, and other federal data bases. Dissertation Grants are available for advanced doctoral students and are intended to support the student while writing the doctoral dissertation. Applications are encouraged from a variety of disciplines, such as but not limited to, education, sociology, economics, psychology, demography, statistics, and psychometrics. Applicants for Dissertation Grants may be U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, or non-U.S. citizens. Applicants should be advanced doctoral students at the dissertation writing stage. Underrepresented minority researchers are strongly encouraged to apply. Awards for Dissertation Grants are up to $20,000 for 1-year projects **Deadline: Wednesday, January 6, 2010**. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals in advance of the deadline. For further information and application please visit http://www.aera.net/grantsprogram/res_training/diss_grants/DGFly.html

The National Science Foundation (NSF), **Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP).** The GRFP provides three years of support for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees and is intended for students who are at the early stages of their graduate study. The GRFP invests in graduate education for a cadre of diverse individuals who demonstrate their potential to successfully complete graduate degree programs in disciplines relevant to the mission of the NSF. Eligibility: applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals, or permanent resident aliens of the U.S.; must meet certain degree requirements (see solicitation); must meet certain fields of study criterion (see solicitation). Estimated number of awards: 1,600. Anticipated funding amount: $40,500, per institution, per award, per year.

Deadlines:

- 11/2/09 - Interdisciplinary Fields of Study
- 11/4/09 - Mathematical Sciences and Computer & Information Sciences and Engineering
- 11/5/09 - Social Sciences, Psychology, and Geosciences
- 11/6/09 - Life Sciences
- 11/10/09 - Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy
- 11/12/09 - Engineering

Please visit: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201 for additional information.