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Funding Opportunities

All A&S graduate students are required to complete the Haven training module no later than December 8, 2017. Failure to complete the mandatory Haven training will result in a hold being placed on your student account, which means that you will be unable to register for classes for Spring 2018 until the training has been completed. All A&S graduate students must be registered to remain in good academic standing. Further, A&S graduate students appointed as graduate assistants must be registered as full-time students to continue to receive any form of financial assistance.

Student Portfolios: Highlight your accomplishments on the OGSR website. The Graduate Studies website houses portfolios of current A&S students. We’d like to highlight your achievements and the high quality of your work! Please use this form to send us your major accomplishments, or email them to asgradportfolio@wm.edu. For examples or more information, visit the submissions page.

Important Theses and Dissertations Guidelines and deadlines for January 2018 Graduation:

Oct. 1, 2017  Deadline to apply to graduate for January 2018, May 2018 and August 2018

Nov. 10, 2017  Deadline for submission of required DRAFT dissertation for January 2018 degree conferral. See Physical Standards for Theses & Dissertations for templates

Nov. 10, 2017  Deadline for the submission of the signed License and Embargo Form to the OGSR for January 2018 degree conferral. See License and Embargo

Nov. 17, 2017  Defense must take place on, or before, this date for January 2018 degree conferral.


The College confers degrees in August, January, and May of each year. The commencement ceremony is in May. Degree recipients of the previous August and January are recognized at, and invited to attend, the following May ceremony. The Office of Graduate Studies and
Research has thirty (30) days from the actual date of degree conferral to submit final paperwork to the College Registrar for degree certification. Diplomas are issued approximately fifteen (15) days after degree certification.

**W&M EVENTS**

- **Are you curious about how academic writing is different in the U.S.?** **US Academic Writing** is part of the International Student Success Series. This workshop will: introduce you to the Writing Resources Center and A&S Graduate Center and explain how they can help you in any stage of the writing process; teach you about the differences in academic writing in the U.S, as well as highlight common mistakes students make when writing papers; provide tips to help you write effective papers, emails, and professional communication; have break-out sessions for graduate and undergraduate students to address specific questions. **Sign up online by October 2.**

  Space is limited! **Details:** Date: October 4th from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the Ford Classroom, Ground Floor of the Swem Library

- **UPDATED DATE & TIME:** Our very own **Raft Debate** - A W&M Tradition - will be Monday, October 30th 2017 from **6:30 pm – 8:00 pm** in the Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) Memorial Hall **[More](#)**

- **Announcing a new award that celebrates exemplary faculty** who mentor graduate students as scholars, teachers, and professionals. This award recognizes faculty adept within the broad spectrum of activities that makes up graduate mentoring. To nominate a faculty member, **please read over the award announcement found online.**

- **Chat with President Reveley** - President Reveley has reserved time on his calendar to meet with students. 15 minute appointments will take place at the President’s office in the Brafferton and are available on the following dates: Sept. 27th 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.; Oct. 16th 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Nov. 7th 11:00 – noon. Interested students should contact Pamela Carroll to sign up. Provide first and second date choice

- **Lunch with President Reveley** - President Reveley has reserved time on his calendar for lunches with students. Lunches will take place at the President’s House on the following dates: Sept 26th 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Oct 23rd 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.; Nov 29th 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Interested students should contact Pamela Carroll individually to sign up. Seating is limited to 10 per lunch. Provide 1st and 2nd date choice.

- The next **Graduate Student Association Meeting** will be on October 3, 2017 from 5:30pm - 6:30pm in the Sadler Center, James Room. **[More](#)**

- **Preserving the Old City of Damascus. Please join us for Dr. Faedah M. Totah`s talk, “Preserving the Old City of Damascus?: Politics, Capital, and Urban Historic Sites”, on October 3, 2017 at 5:00 pm in Blow Hall 332; Our guest will discuss preservation and the city of Damascus before the war in Syria and today. Dr. Totah has a Ph.D. in sociocultural anthropology from The University of Texas in Austin and is associate professor in the School of World Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University.**


- **Compete in W&M’s Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Event. Up to $1,000 in prizes!**
  October 21, 5pm in ISC 1221. **Deadline to register: October 6**, 5pm. For details and to register. **3MT provides an opportunity to:** Cultivate your presentation and research communication skills; Practice your ability to effectively explain your research in under three minutes, in a manner appropriate for a general audience; Celebrate the diversity of exciting research happening at W&M; Win prize money!

- **Green Fee Proposals Due!** October 10, 2017 5pm. Fund your sustainability idea, research, program or initiative! The Committee on Sustainability accepts Green Fee proposals every fall and spring semester from all students, faculty and staff. Submissions are accepted early for those who would like additional feedback. [For more information]  

- **The Sustainability Forum** will be October 12, 2017 and **November 9, 2017** from 6pm - 7pm at James Blair Hall, Room 205. This forum takes place every 2nd Thursday of the month and is an opportunity for groups and individuals to share their sustainability ideas, needs and accomplishments, and share information through mini-teach-ins. Create a more cohesive and aware community, and foster partnerships and collaboration! Presenters are encouraged to submit one presentation slide to Office of Sustainability Intern, [Lindsay Dahlgren](mailto:lindsay.dahlgren@wm.edu) by the day before the meeting. [For additional information please visit here.]

- **The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture (OI)** is pleased to offer complimentary Student Associate memberships to William & Mary graduate students in American Studies, Anthropology, and History. All Student Associates receive the William and Mary Quarterly, a 20 percent discount on OI books published by UNC Press, and invitations to OI seminars and conferences. In addition, William & Mary Student Associates will have the opportunity to purchase one recent OI book at a 50 percent discount. If you are a current William & Mary graduate student and would like to take advantage of this invitation, please email Shawn Holl, OI director of development, at [Shawn Holl](mailto:shawn.holl@wm.edu) by **October 15**, with your name, mailing address, and email.

- **Fall Break** - October 14, 2017 - October 17, 2017

- **Classes Resume** from Fall Break October 18, 2017

- **Homecoming Weekend** October 20, 2017 - October 22, 2017

- **Spring Priority Registration for Continuing Students** October 23, 2017 - October 27, 2017. [More]

- **Re-Enrollment & Medical Clearance Deadline** - For Spring Semester is November 15, 2017. [More]

- **Thanksgiving Break** will be from November 22, 2017 - November 26, 2017

- **Classes Resume** from Thanksgiving Break on Monday, November 27
• **Research Funding A&S Graduate Student Research Grants.** A&S Graduate students are encouraged to apply for support [maximum of $350] from the Office of Graduate Studies and Research (OGSR) that will allow them to collect data at museums or archives, conduct research, and travel to field work sites. [Application](#) for Fall 2017 must be received in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research by 4:00 p.m. on **Friday December 8, 2017.** This will cover expenses incurred: January 1, 2018 – April 15, 2018. **Awards will be applied directly to your student account** and will be eligible to be refunded back to you via direct deposit or check following college refund guidelines at [http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/refunds/](http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/refunds/). [More](#)

• **OGSR/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 awards are available to assist selected Arts & Sciences graduate students who are attending or presenting at a research conference. **Awards will be applied directly to your student account** and will be eligible to be refunded back to you via direct deposit or check following college refund guidelines at [http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/refunds/](http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/refunds/). The **application deadline** for conference travel taken during the period January 1, 2018 – April 15, 2018 is: 5:00 pm on **Friday December 8, 2017.** [More](#)

• **Classes End** Friday, on December 8

• **“Write-Ins” hosted by Graduate Writing Resources Center.** Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., starting on September 16. Trying to make weekly progress on an article, dissertation, or other big project? Come to a Write-In hosted by the GWRC for some quiet camaraderie, and a structured time to focus on your writing. Held in Swem’s Graduate Student Commons on Saturday mornings (10-1), these writing retreats will provide a time and space for graduate students to set writing goals and work without interruption in a supportive environment. A GWRC consultant will facilitate the session and be available for consultations. Snacks are provided; bring your own drink. You’re welcome to come once, or come every week! Please **register** for the sessions you plan to attend [here](#)

• **Campus Parking Advisory** - Eligible students will be able to access the online parking portal at [https://wm.t2hosted.com](https://wm.t2hosted.com) to purchase a parking decal. Login using your W&M Network credentials. [More](#)

• **William and Mary’s Graduate Student Association (GSA)** is a student-led organization that brings together graduate students from the various academic departments and graduate programs overseen by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. **Officers:** President - Adrienna Bingham Vice-President: Erin Schwartz, Treasurer: Ananda Menon, Secretary and GSAB Arts Rep: Emily Ruhm, Parliamentarian: Daniel Aboagye, SA Senator Representative: Mitchell Croom.

• **Graduate Writing Resources Center.** Want some help on a writing assignment, research proposal, thesis, or ANY type of graduate-level writing? The Graduate Writing Resources Center (GWRC), is part of the Writing Resources Center located on the 1st
Floor of Swem Library. Grad students can make appointments to work with specially-trained peer graduate consultants. Writers at all levels and stages are encouraged to take advantage of this FREE service! Visit the WRC webpage to make an appointment. Be sure to select a “Graduate Consultation.”

- Reserve your Study Room now in Swem Library. There are a total of 16 assigned studies located on the second and third floors of Swem Library. Anyone wishing to be assigned a study room must apply to Swem Administration by the end of the first full week of classes each semester.

- The Cohen Career Center offers valuable resources for graduate students as well as undergraduate students on job search information, writing a resume/CV, interviewing for jobs, and more. Check out the Cohen Career Center.

- Time to update your Address. All students are required to provide and maintain a valid Mailing address and phone number. All students who do not reside on campus (i.e. in a residence hall) are also required to maintain a current Local address and phone number. More.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Gerald A. Soffen Memorial Fund is pleased to announce the 2017 Travel Grant application opportunity for graduate students pursuing studies in fields of space science and engineering. The Travel Grants, in the amount of $500, enable student recipients to attend professional meetings to present their research. The 2017 Travel Grant application deadline is October 17, 2017. Jerry Soffen, a biologist by training, led a distinguished career in NASA, including serving as the Project Scientist for Viking and as an architect for the NASA Astrobiology Institute. The Travel Grant continues Jerry's dedication to educating and involving future generations in space science and engineering pursuits. The electronic application materials and instructions are located on the Soffen Fund website. Questions regarding the application or application process may be sent to: info@SoffenFund.org.

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters has released a solicitation, titled NASA Space Technology Research Fellowships (NSTRF) - Fall 2018, Phase A is the application submission by the student. All Phase A applications must be submitted electronically through NSPIRES and are due by 6 PM ET on November 2, 2017. Detailed submission instructions for applicants are provided under "Other Documents" on the NSPIRES webpage associated with the NSTRF18 solicitation. Potential student applicants are urged to access the NSPIRES electronic proposal system well in advance of the proposal due date to register with NSPIRES, familiarize themselves with its structure, and to enter the requested information. This call for graduate student fellowship applications solicits applications from individuals pursuing or planning to pursue master’s (e.g., M.S.) or doctoral (e.g., Ph.D.) degrees in relevant space technology disciplines at accredited U.S. universities. Comments and questions may be addressed by e-mail to the Space Technology Research Grants Program Executive, Claudia Meyer. More.
**Research at National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL).** Participants are provided the opportunity to conduct hands-on energy research at NETL through educational programs administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). NETL’s Core Research and Development areas focus on five energy related issues: Chemical Engineering; Decision Science and Analysis; Systems Engineering and Integration; Applied Materials Science and Engineering; Environmental Subsurface Science. To engage these five critical issues, ORISE offers three highly competitive programs designed for all academic levels – the Professional Internship Program (PIP) (graduate students in good standing at a regionally accredited college/university, or a post-baccalaureate within one year of graduation), the Postgraduate Research Program (PGRP) (for graduates who received their master’s degree within the last three years, or doctorate within the last five years). Please visit to learn more about the program and the application process. To be considered for the NETL research program students need to apply online.

**The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) is now accepting online applications for the following fellowships:** Graduate (Individual only) | $6,000 - Includes Art History and Graduate $3,000 (Individual only) Half-year fall semester. Fellowship awards may be considered on a case-by-case basis for full-time students in the final year of a degree program who plan to graduate in December 2018. The Deadline is Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 5 pm. Apply NOW

**The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine** sponsors a number of awards for postdoctoral and senior researchers at participating federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. These awards include generous stipends ranging from $45,000 - $80,000 per year for recent Ph.D. recipients, and higher for additional experience. Limited graduate level awards are available. These awards provide the opportunity for recipients to do independent research in some of the best-equipped and staffed laboratories in the U.S. Research opportunities are open to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and for some of the laboratories, foreign nationals. Four annual review cycles:  • November; Opens September 1; Closes November 1  • February; Opens December 1; Closes February 1  • May; Opens March 1; Closes May 1  • August; Opens June 1; Closes August 1. Applicants should contact prospective Research Adviser(s) at the lab(s) prior to the application deadline to discuss their research interests and funding opportunities.

**The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine** is accepting applications for the 2018 Ford Foundation Fellowships Programs for Achieving Excellence in College and University Teaching. Full eligibility information and online applications are available on their website. Through its Fellowship Programs, the Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. Application Deadline Dates:  • Predoctoral: December 14, 2017 (5:00 PM EST)  • Dissertation: December 7, 2017 (5:00 PM EST)  • Postdoctoral: December 7, 2017 (5:00 PM EST)
The **Department of Energy’s Office of Science** is now accepting applications for the Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program (2017 Solicitation 2). **Applications are due 5:00pm Eastern Time on Thursday, November 16, 2017.** The SCGSR program provides doctoral dissertation/thesis research opportunities for graduate students at DOE national laboratories. Details about the program and online application can be found at [https://science.energy.gov/wdts/scgsr/](https://science.energy.gov/wdts/scgsr/).

The **2018 RASC-AL Competition** is seeking concepts that leverage innovations to improve our ability to travel between Earth and other destinations, using the framework for NASA’s Deep Space Transport (DST). Successful proposals will demonstrate comprehensive engineering analysis of innovative capabilities and/or new technologies for evolutionary architecture development to enable future missions, reduce cost, and/or improve safety. Teams that are selected will receive a $6,000 stipend to facilitate participation in the 2018 RASC-AL Forum held in Cocoa Beach, Florida in June. Student teams and their faculty advisors are invited to submit abstract and video proposals by **January 21, 2018 by responding to a Theme.** For more information and submission details