This is the last DYKT for 2017; the next one will be sent January 15, 2018

**Graduate Research Symposium Abstract submission** deadline is **this Friday, December 8, 2017, 11:59 pm EST.** All Graduate A&S students are invited to attend and participate in the Seventeenth Annual Graduate Research Symposium (GRS) to be held at the Sadler Center on **March 16-17, 2018.**

**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

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.

**Important Theses and Dissertations** Guidelines and deadlines for **May 2018 Graduation:**
**Friday, March 30**  You must Notify the Office of Graduate Studies of your Defense Date for May 2018 graduation. This means your defense date must be scheduled with your committee by this deadline.

**Friday, April 6**  Deadline for submission of required DRAFT dissertation for May 2018 degree conferral.  See Physical Standards for Theses & Dissertations for templates.

**Friday, April 6**  Deadline for the submission of the signed License and Embargo Form to the OGSR for May 2018 degree conferral.  See License and Embargo

**Friday, April 13**  Defense must take place on, or before, this date for May 2018 degree conferral.

**Friday, April 20**  Deadline for submission of FINAL thesis/dissertation for May 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**

- **Graduate Student Association** Meeting December 5, 2017 5:30pm - 6:30pm Sadler Center, James Room

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

- The **Center for Geospatial Analysis is offering an upper level course in Remote Sensing.** Introduction To Remote Sensing. Held from 9:30-10:45AM Tuesday/Thursday - Center for Geospatial Analysis in the 2nd Floor, Swem Library. Registration is open until January 26, 2018 contingent to space. For Course information and details

- **W-2's in Self Service** - Consenting to receive your W-2 via Self Service offers many benefits - early filing/early refund, security and convenience! The process is easy - log into Self Service, locate Tax Forms on the Employee Tab, check the consent box and submit. 2017 electronic W-2s will be available in early January, and paper forms will be mailed by January 31, 2018. The **deadline to consent is December 10, 2017.** For more information, please contact the Payroll Office at 221-2848. For more information - Simone Vance

- **Qi Luo, Computer Science** will present her PhD Dissertation Defense, titled: *On Improving (Non)Functional Testing* on December 12, 2017 from 2pm - 3:30pm in the McGlothlin-Street Hall, Room 002. More
• **Shasha Wen**, Computer Science will present her PhD Dissertation Proposal titled: *Pinpointing Software Inefficiencies with Profiling* December 13, 2017 2pm - 3:30pm McGlothlin-Street Hall, Room 002. [More]

• **Yue Li**, Computer Science will present the Dissertation Proposal, titled: *On Enhancing Security of Password-based Authentication* on December 15, 2017 from 1:30pm - 3:30pm in the McGlothlin-Street Hall, Room 002. [More]

• **New Student Registration** - Spring 2017 begins Monday, January 4th 2018 - Tuesday, January 16th 2018

• **Residence Life hires** approximately 170 student staff in seven positions. Information sessions (see attached flyer) will occur in November for students to learn more about the Resident Assistant, Head Resident, Hall Director, Complex Director, Housing Assistant, Community Advocate and Graduate Resident Assistant positions. Please encourage anyone you believe may be good candidates to attend or apply. The [application](#) will go live on November 1 and remain open until Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 11:59pm. Here is are the lists of [Information sessions](#) and [the available positions](#).

• **S. Laurie Sanderson Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring.** Deadline: **February 9, 2018**. Nominate a graduate student for outstanding mentoring of undergraduates in scholarship and research outside of classroom teaching. The *S. Laurie Sanderson Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring* are awarded to A&S graduate students at the Graduate Research Symposium. Deadline for nomination materials is Friday, February 9. See the website for the nomination form, and all guidelines.

• **Mandatory Deadline - Request for Final Dissertation Title for Inclusion in the 2018 May Commencement Program is February 15, 2018.** By no later than February 15, 2018, ALL Doctoral degree candidates planning to graduate in either May or August 2018 MUST submit this [form](#) to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research to confirm the final title of their dissertation as well as their intent to graduate in either May or August 2018. [More]

• **The Coordinating Committee on Prevention of Sexual Assault & Harassment Newsletter** was created by the [Task Force](#) in order to support our institutional efforts to address the incidence of sexual assault & harassment. The Committee works to support the Title IX Coordinator/Office in advancing our efforts to address the issues of sexual assault & harassment. [Newsletter](#) and [More information](#)

• 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](#).

• **“Write-Ins” hosted by Graduate Writing Resources Center.** Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 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.

- **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 asgradjournalism@wm.edu. For examples or more information, visit the submissions page.

- **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."

- 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.

- **SAVE THE DATE - The 2018 Raft Debate** will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sadler Center's Commonwealth Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. Participants will be announced in spring 2018. More

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **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 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 **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

• Applications for the **Virginia Space Grant Consortium Graduate Research Fellowships** are now available. The fellowships provides fellowships of $6,000 in addition support to graduate students to supplement and enhance basic research support. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a program of study in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) and have a specific faculty-mentored research project that has NASA or aerospace relevance. **APPLICATION Deadline February 5, 2018** (Letters of recommendation must be received by February 12th, 2018.) Applicants will be notified early April. Any questions can be directed to Joyce Kuberek. [More](#)