WELCOME BACK!

The 16th Annual Graduate Research Symposium will be held March 24-25, 2017 at the Sadler Center. This year there are 140 presenters scheduled to give talks and posters, including nearly 40 presenters from 11 visiting institutions including Harvard and Stanford. Please join us Thursday night, March 23 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in Commonwealth Auditorium for Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition. Be sure to join us Friday, March 24 from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm for our Professional Development Fair and the Poster Presentation and Networking Reception from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm. The Research Symposium is free and open to the public. Check out the Upcoming Research Symposium website.

W&M EVENTS

- 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 April 10th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Interested students should contact Pamela (pwcarroll@wm.edu) to sign up.

- Research Funding A&S Graduate Student Research Grants. A&S Graduate students are encouraged to apply for support [maximum of $300] 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. Applications for Summer 2017 must be received in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research by 4:00 p.m. on March 17, 2017. This will cover expenses incurred: April 16, 2017 – August 31, 2017. 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. The application deadline for conference travel taken during the period April 16, 2017 – August 31, 2017 is: 5:00 pm on March 17, 2017. More

- New Student Registration - Spring 2017 begins Monday, January 2nd 2017 - Tuesday, January 17th 2017. More
• **Graduate Arts & Sciences classes begin** tomorrow, Wednesday, January 18th 2017.  More

• **Add/drop period** starts Wednesday, January 18th 2017 8am through Friday, January 27th 2017 5pm.

• **Fall 2017 Registration** for Continuing Students starts Monday, March 20th 2017 8am through Friday, March 24th 2017 11:59pm.  More

• **Important Notice for Continuous Enrollment Students** - Effective Fall 2017 the Committee on Graduate Studies unanimously approved increasing the [Continuous Enrollment](#) Fee to $150.00 per semester.

• **Journal Club** is back, better than ever in 2017! Come each Thursday to hear a TED-style presentation by an A&S or VIMS grad student on their research, with free pizza and other refreshments. The first meeting of the semester will be on Thursday, January 26, in ISC 1127; note the change of location! We have some great speakers lined up but there are still plenty of slots open, so contact AnaShe Bandari at if you’d like to present this semester. Join our [Facebook group](#) for all the info. See you January 26!"

• **Etiquette Lunch** - All Students Welcome! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to polish your etiquette skills, so you can put your best foot forward in varied business and social situations. Thursday, February 9th 2017 from 11:30am - 1pm in the Sadler Center, Tidewater A&B.  Students RSVP via [Tribe Forms](#). More

• The **Mandatory Deadline to file for May & August 2017 Graduation** will be Wednesday, February 15th 2017. More

• **Designing Conference Posters** - Two-hour, hands-on workshop February 21, 2017  This is a great opportunity to sharpen your poster design and content for the Graduate Research Symposium and other professional venues. The workshop will be held on February 21 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in Tyler 217. RSVP is required. Please email Chasity Roberts by February 17, 2007.  Instructor: Sarah Stafford, Public Policy Program Director. More

• Can you effectively explain your research and its importance in under three minutes? Compete in our [Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition](#)! A new part of the [Graduate Research Symposium](#), all Arts and Sciences and VIMS graduate students are eligible to compete to win up to $500 in prizes. Only 15 slots available, so [Register](#) today! First come, first served; registration closes Feb. 17.  Event: March 23, 2017 at 6PM in the Commonwealth Auditorium (Sadler Center) More

• **Attention: American Studies, Anthropology, & History Doctoral Students** - There is a new grant opportunity through the Omohundro Institute’s Georgian Papers Program (GPP) in coordination with the Dean’s Research Fund. This is intended to help fund W&M doctoral students conduct research in the trove of Georgian materials housed at the Royal Archives in Windsor Castle’s Round Tower. This is a terrific opportunity for students doing research in British, American, and Atlantic history in the period of George
III’s reign. See the attached Request for Proposals for details. Please see past GPP Fellows. Direct questions to Martha Howard at OIEAHC.

- Mandatory A&S New Graduate Student Orientation will be Monday, August 28th 2017 from 9am - 5pm in the Sadler Center

- The W&M Wind Ensemble seeks strong wind and brass players for the spring semester. Trumpet players especially. If you’re looking for a musical extracurricular activity, contact Richard Marcus (rcmarcus@wm.edu) in the department of music. (757) 221-1086

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Crowdfunding at W&M.** We are excited to announce the launch of Tribefunding, William & Mary’s approach to crowdfunding. Qualifying projects should have the potential to transform William & Mary and have broader impact on local and/or global communities. Preference will be given to projects that incorporate collaboration between students and faculty/staff. To submit a project or for more information, visit giving.wm.edu/crowdfunding

- **The NASA Education 2017 Aeronautics Scholarship and Advanced STEM Training and Research (AS&ASTAR) Fellowship Activity solicitation** is now available. The solicitation is a call for independently conceived graduate research proposals that are a response to your NASA Research Opportunity found in the document. Please visit NASA Education 2017 Research Announcement (NRA): Aeronautics Scholarship and Advanced STEM Training and Research (AS&ASTAR) Fellowship solicitation. Proposals are due February 24, 2017. Please send out this information to your partner institutions and any student organizations. If you have any questions concerning the solicitation please contact Elizabeth Cartier

- NASA announces a call for graduate fellowship proposals to the **NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship (NESSF)** program for the 2017-2018 academic year. This call for fellowship proposals solicits applications from accredited U.S. universities on behalf of individuals pursuing Master of Science (M.Sc.) or Doctoral (Ph.D.) degrees in Earth and space sciences, or related disciplines. The deadline for NEW applications is February 1, 2017, and the deadline for RENEWAL applications is March 15, 2017. The NESSF call for proposals and submission instructions are located at the NESSF 17 solicitation index page at http://nspires.nasaprs.com/ - click on "Solicitations" then click on "Open Solicitations" then select the "NESSF17" announcement.

- **Explorers Club Washington Group 2017 Research Grants Program.** The Explorers Club Washington Group’s (ECWG) Exploration and Field Research Grants Program was established to encourage young men and women to add to the body of knowledge of the earth, its people and the universe through exploration and field research. Application deadline is February 3, 2017. More

- The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) is pleased to announce the 2017 -2018 Scholarship and Fellowship Program. Applications for the **Virginia Space Grant**
Consortium Graduate Research Fellowships are now available. The fellowships provide $6,000 to graduate students who are actively engaged in research projects with faculty mentors. Renewable for one year. The application deadline is February 13, 2017

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