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.

Can YOU do it? Can you effectively explain your research and its importance in under 3 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

NEW: Graduate Writing Resources Center!! Want some help on a writing assignment, research proposal, thesis, or ANY type of graduate-level writing? We are excited to announce the Graduate Writing Resources Center (GWRC), as a new part of the Writing Resources Center located on the 1st Floor of Swem Library. Grad students can now 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 Mandatory Deadline to file for May & August 2017 Graduation will be Wednesday, February 15th 2017. More

W&M EVENTS

- Don’t miss the Digital Identity Roundtable for A&S Graduate Students and Faculty on Monday, February 13, at 5p.m. in the Ford Classroom, Swem Library. Discuss best practices and issues related to online networking, open access, and utilizing digital platforms to share research and trends in scholarship. Topics include using twitter as an academic, creating a professional online identity, blogging as a graduate student, and sharing research online. Refreshments will be served! More
• **Important information for students graduating in May & August 2017** -
  Graduate students who will graduate in May 2017 and have filed their Notice of Candidacy for May 2017 should send an email to commencement@wm.edu to RSVP for the main commencement ceremony, if they wish to participate and have not already submitted an RSVP. All doctoral students graduating May or August 2017 **MUST** submit the Request for Commencement Participation form to the OGSR regardless of intent to participate in the ceremony. All A&S Master’s students must contact the Graduate Registrar via email, only if they would like to participate in the main commencement ceremony.

• Your help is appreciated! W&M Libraries and the Graduate Center seek feedback on whether or not you use the Grad Commons (on the 2nd floor of Swem), and how we could make the space better. Please help us improve this grad-only space by filling out a very brief survey.

• **Grad Student Verification** - Each semester students are required to update and validate their personal information with the College. The deadline for this requirement is Monday, February 13, 2016 at 11:59 pm. **More**

• **Can’t find a book you need at the W&M Libraries?** Is there a book or film W&M Libraries should own, but doesn’t? Please let us know about new books or films you think we should be purchasing! You can email Martha Higgins, mehiggins@wm.edu or you can use the make a suggestion form. Please let us know if you would prefer the book as an ebook or in print format.

• **Student Portfolios: Highlight your accomplishments on the OGSR website.** The Graduate Studies website houses portfolios of current 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.

• **S. Laurie Sanderson Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring.** Undergraduates who have been mentored by outstanding A&S graduate students in scholarship and research outside of classroom teaching can nominate that grad for an award. These awards are presented at the GRS in March. A complete nomination consists of (1) a nomination form from a current or former W&M undergraduate student and (2) a second nomination form from a current or former W&M faculty member. Complete details and nomination forms. Deadline: February 15. **More**

• **2017 Social Justice and Diversity Graduate Fellow.** Graduate students with research interests related to social justice and diversity are invited to apply to be a 2017 Social Justice and Diversity Graduate Fellow. The deadline is Wednesday, February 15th 2017. **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 Request for Proposals for details. Please see past GPP Fellows. The deadline for this round is February 15, 2017. Direct questions to Martha Howard at OIEAHC.

- **Journal Club** - a TED-style presentation by an A&S or VIMS grad student on their research. The next meeting of the semester will be on Thursday, February 16, in Washington room 201 with free pizza and other refreshments. Contact Anashe Bandari at if you'd like to present this semester. Join our Facebook group for all the info.

- **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, 2017. Instructor: Sarah Stafford, Public Policy Program Director. More

- **The American Studies Graduate Digital Humanities Fellows** at the College of William and Mary are seeking submissions in the form of visual art that engages with contemporary discourse surrounding race and inequality. Accepted submissions will form an exhibition in the newly formed Equality Lab, which will open to the public as an event for Black History Month on February 24th, 2017 and remain up through March 2017. Deadline: February 20, 2017 at 11:55 PM More

- The next **Graduate Student Association of Arts and Sciences** Meeting will be Wednesday, February 22nd 2017 from 5:30pm - 6:30pm in the Sadler Center, Colony Room

- **The Reves Center** is seeking enthusiastic graduate students to serve as International Orientation Peer Leaders. Great way to build your leadership, cross-cultural competence and team-building skills. Applications are due on March 15, midnight. Questions? Contact Eva Wong at ywong@wm.edu

- **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

- **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.

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

**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 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 More

- **NASA DEVELOP Program Opportunities.** This is a great opportunity for a paid internship opportunity for current students and recent college graduates with the NASA DEVELOP Program. This is for those who are interested in practical applications of remote sensing and GIS, specifically in the field of Earth Science. Our projects focus on addressing local and international community concerns while utilizing NASA's Earth observations. Participants will work with NASA scientists and partner organizations to learn about the use of NASA remote sensing imagery for use in water resources, disaster management, ecological forecasting, and other applications to address environmental community concerns. Details about the internship and how to apply can be found at http://develop.larc.nasa.gov/. The summer internship application window is open from January 9th - February 17th, and the term starts June 5th and lasts through August 11th. We also have spring and fall internships available.

- **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

- **The JSA is now accepting Applications for Academic Year 2017-2018 Graduate Fellowships at the Jefferson Lab.** Application materials are due by March 10, 2017. [More](#)

- **JSA Accepting Applications for Sabbatical and Research Leave Support at the Jefferson Lab.** Application materials are due by March 31, 2017. [More](#)

- The Army Research Laboratory (ARL) invites exceptional young researchers to apply for the **ARL Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship**. This fellowship provides recipients the opportunity to pursue independent research while working alongside some of the nation’s best scientists and engineers. Applicants must display extraordinary ability in scientific research and show clear promise of becoming outstanding leaders. Successful candidates will have tackled a major scientific or engineering problem or will have provided a new approach or insight, as evidenced by a recognized impact in their field. **NOTE:** February 1, 2017 – Application opens May 1, 2017 – Application deadline. For more information: 202-334-3560 or ARLDPF@nas.edu

- **Summer School Intellectual Property** The University of Bonn would like to invite graduate and postgraduate students from your university to a Summer School on Intellectual Property in Bonn. The Summer School addresses graduate and postgraduate students from any field of study. It will take place from July 31 to August 11, 2017. The program is conducted in English.