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Funding Opportunities

WELCOME BACK!
This email is the first of an important weekly newsletter from the Office of Graduate Studies and Research called DID YOU KNOW THAT? [DYKT?]. You will receive it every Monday morning throughout the academic year. As our continuing students know, the DYKT? is a valuable source for timely information of interest to Arts & Sciences graduate students, such as application information for grants and awards, news & events, and academic deadlines and changes. Please help us keep this as informative and reliable as possible by giving us your input. Visit our DYKT website for information and for previous and archived issues.

The Graduate Arts and Sciences 2017-2018 Program Catalog is an invaluable resource to students. This catalog can only be found online.

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**

- **Mandatory A&S New Graduate Student Orientation** – Today, Monday, August 28th 2017 from 10am – 5pm in Chesapeake B&C in the Sadler Center. [More](#)

- **Fall 2017 Graduate A&S Registration for New Students** July 31, 2017 - August 29, 2017. [More](#)

- **Grad A&S Fall Classes Begin** this Wednesday, August 30th 2017

- **Opening Convocation** is Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 5:15 PM in the Wren Courtyard. On the first day of classes, faculty, staff and students gather at the Sir Christopher Wren Building to signify the beginning of the academic year and to officially welcome all of our entering William & Mary students. [More](#)

- **Add/Drop Begins** Wednesday, August 30th 2017. [More](#)

- **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.

- Join the **GSA in our first meeting** of the semester. We discuss current graduate student events, issues, and concerns. Open to Arts and Sciences graduate student body. There will be free pizza! [More](#)

- **Labor Day** (classes meet; offices closed) Monday, September 4th 2017

- **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 **September 8, 2017**. This will cover expenses incurred: September 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. **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 September 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 is: 5:00 pm on September 8, 2017. [More](#)

• **Add/Drop Ends** Friday, September 8th 2017. [More](#)

• **Deadline to apply to graduate for January 2018, May 2018 and August 2018** Failure to apply to graduate by the **October 1, 2017** deadline may impact: the number of commencement tickets available to you; inclusion of your name (and dissertation title) in the commencement program; and the timely awarding of your degree. Students who expect to graduate in 2018 must apply by no later than the October 1, 2017 deadline set by the Office of the University Registrar. If you intend to graduate in 2018 and miss the deadline, you may contact Wendy Urbano, Graduation Coordinator, wdurba@wm.edu, to discuss options for filing late; accommodation is at the discretion of the Office of the University Registrar.

• **SAVE THE DATE:** Our very own **Raft Debate - A W&M Tradition** - will be Monday, October 9th 2017 from 6:00pm – 7:30 pm in the Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) Memorial Hall [More](#)

• **Spring Priority Registration for Continuing Students** October 23, 2017 - October 27, 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.

• **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](http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/refunds/) to make an appointment. Be sure to select a “Graduate Consultation.”

• **Build your skills with GRAD courses!** Did you know you can take free courses—called GRAD Courses—to improve your skills in specific areas like writing, college-level teaching, professional communication, and career preparation? GRAD Courses are
offered to A&S graduate students through the Graduate Center and the Office of Graduate Studies and Research. They are: **Zero-credit; Free** (no tuition cost associated); **Pass/Fail**; **Designed to help you learn or improve upon important skills without requiring large amounts of extra time or work. These courses usually meet for only 10 weeks out of the semester, or as one week "boot camps" during winter or summer break. [For more information VISIT](#).**

- **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](#)

- **Public service positions available at Swem Library for graduate students.** The Swem Library Research Department seeks graduate students to work as Public Service Assistants for the 2017-18 school year. Work up to 20 hours per week. Training is provided and is required for this advanced student assistant position. While some flexibility in scheduling is available, applicants should be prepared to commit to regularly scheduled shifts, and should be able to work at least one evening shift (5-9pm) per week. Pay Rate: $10.50/hour. For more information please contact Don Welsh, Head of Research: djwels@wm.edu or (757)221)-3068.

- **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 2017 Fall Graduate & Professional School Fair** will be September 29, 2017 12pm - 3:30pm in the Sadler Center. Meet with admissions representatives from 100+ graduate schools and programs across the country. Ask questions about your application and get tips from panels to learn more about the process for specific programs. Students: Log into TribeCareers to see the growing list of graduate programs. [More](#)

- 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