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**

- 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! September 5, 2017 from 5:30pm - 6:30pm in the Sadler Center, James Room More
• **Add/Drop** Ends September 8, 2017. More

• **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

• **“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

• **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
- **Fall Break** - October 14, 2017 - October 17, 2017
- **Classes Resume** from Fall Break October 18, 2017
- This year’s **Three-Minute Thesis Competition** will be October 21, 2017 5pm - 6:30pm. Current graduate students will present their research in under three minutes before a panel of judges. Learn about world-class research at W&M! [More](#)
- **Spring Priority Registration for Continuing Students** October 23, 2017 - October 27, 2017. [More](#)
- The **2017-2018 Teaching Assistant/Teaching Fellows Handbook** is available online at [http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/forms/teaching-assistant-handbook-final.pdf](http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/forms/teaching-assistant-handbook-final.pdf).
- **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.
- 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](#) 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 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 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 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](https://www.nationalacademies.org/news/2018/ford-fellowships). 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