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Funding Opportunities

English Language Program Open House. The Reves Center for International Studies at the William & Mary is offering a special summer session for its Intensive English Program and Global Business English Program. Members of the William & Mary community are invited to attend an open house to learn more about the programs and to meet faculty and staff. Three Sessions to take place on March 19, 2018 from 11:30 am - 12:45 pm in the Sadler Center, York Room, March 20, 2018 from 11:00-12:00 at the Reves Center, and March 20, 2018 from 6:00-7:00 also at the Reves Center. More

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in this year’s Graduate Research Symposium. This year there were 160 presenters scheduled to give talks and posters, including nearly 55 presenters from 20 visiting institutions including Texas A&M, University of California, Irvine and University of Virginia. We especially want to give a special thanks to the volunteers and presenters who gave generously of their time. Preliminary numbers indicate that this year’s event exceeded last year’s participation levels and an early review of the evaluations indicates a high satisfaction with the event overall. The Symposium needs dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers for next year. If you are interested in taking a more active role in the Symposium, please contact Chasity Roberts at grs@wm.edu.

Our congratulations to the following award recipients for Excellence in Scholarship!

The College of William and Mary Interdisciplinary Award for Excellence in Research
$2,000.00
David De La Mater
Biology Department, Advisor: Dr. Harmony Dalgleish

Graduate Studies Advisory Board Award for Excellence in Scholarship in the Natural and Computation Sciences - $1,000
Kenneth Blackshaw
Chemistry Department, Advisor: Dr. Nathan Kidwell

Graduate Studies Advisory Board Award for Excellence in Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences - $1,000
Holly Gruntner
History Department, Advisor: Dr. Karin Wulf

William & Mary Award for Excellence in the Humanities & Social Sciences - $500.00
Anne Powell
History, Advisor: Dr. Karin Wulf

William & Mary Honorable Mentions - $250 each
Alexis Ohman
Anthropology, Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Kahn
Kara Newman
Public Policy, Advisor: Elaine McBeth
William & Mary Award for Excellence in the Natural & Computational Sciences - $500.00
Christopher Weld
Applied Science, Advisor: Dr. Larry Leemis

William & Mary Honorable Mentions - $250 each
Kevin Moran
Computer Science, Advisor: Dr. Denys Poshyvanyk
Yongsen Ma
Computer Science, Advisor: Gang Zhao

Carl J. Strikwerda Awards for Excellence - $250 each
Chandler Fitzsimons
Anthropology, MA/PhD, Advisor: Dr. Audrey Horning
Joseph Lawless
American Studies, MA/PhD, Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Losh
Meredith Andersen
Biology, MS, Advisor: Dr. Helen Murphy
Mary Rooney
Chemistry, MS, Advisor: Dr. Tyler Meldrum

S. Laurie Sanderson Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring - $250 each
Travis Harris
American Studies Department, PhD
Molly Penrod
Psychology Department, MS
Kevin Moran
Computer Science Department, PhD
Cyril Anyetei-Anum
Biology Department, MS

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.

Important Theses and Dissertations Guidelines and deadlines for August 2018 Graduation:

Friday, July 6 You must Notify the Office of Graduate Studies of your Defense Date for August 2018 graduation. This means your defense date must be scheduled with your committee by this deadline.
Deadline for submission of required **DRAFT** dissertation for August 2018 degree conferral. See [Physical Standards for Theses & Dissertations](#) for templates.

Deadline for the submission of the signed **License and Embargo** Form to the OGSR for August 2018 degree conferral. See [License and Embargo](#)

**Defense must** take place on, or before, this date for August 2018 degree conferral.

Deadline for submission of **FINAL** thesis/dissertation for August 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**

- **Message from University Registrar:**
  - **Need an Official Transcript** ---- The [online transcript ordering system](#) will accept orders via the Web at any time, 24/7. You can order up to 10 copies in one online session using any major credit card. When the order is placed, you will receive real-time updates by email and can request to receive instant mobile text alerts. You can also track your order on the Transcript Ordering Web site. Please click [here](#) to visit the National Student Clearinghouse for further information and ordering. Transcript requests may still be submitted to our office but please be advised, payment is required before we can proceed - A check or money order must accompany the transcript request if sent to our office for processing.
  - **Need an Enrollment Verification** ---- Order Online Now! Using your WMuserid and password, current students and alumni may obtain free enrollment verifications online, twenty-four (24) hours per day through the [National Student Clearinghouse](#).

- **The Global Education Office in the Reves Center is currently accepting applications for 3 Classroom Instructors positions.** [Keio/W&M Cross-Cultural Collaboration](#) is a program centered on experiential learning which allows both Japanese and American students to study questions of cultural difference and national identity. Job Requirements: Current W&M graduate student. Experience working in cross-cultural environments a plus. Compensation: $3,000 Note: CIs will receive a meal supplement and accommodation for the D.C. portion of the program. If you have any questions about these positions, please e-mail Nasha Lewis at [nlewis@wm.edu](mailto:nlewis@wm.edu). To apply, please send the following documents to the attention of Nasha Lewis, Assistant Director of Global Education at the Reves Center: Letter of application, Current resume or CV, List of 3 references with their contact information. Deadline is **March 19, 2018.** For [Job Descriptions](#).

- **Fall Priority Registration for Continuing Students** Deadline July 1, **March 19, 2018 - March 23, 2018.** The Office of Graduate Studies and Research **REQUIRES** all returning A&S graduate students to register by July 1. [More](#)

- **Summer 2018 Registration for New and Continuing Degree-Seeking Students:** Session 1. **March 19, 2018 - May 28, 2018.** [More](#)

- **Summer 2018 Registration for New and Continuing Degree-Seeking Students:** Session 2. **March 19, 2018 - July 1, 2018.** [More](#)

- **Hornsby Distinguished Lecture: Freeman A. Hrabowski. March 21, 2018 6pm - 7pm School of Education, Matoaka Woods Room.** This event is open to the public; [registration](#) is required. [More](#)
• **From the W&M Digest: 2018 Residence Life Summer Student Staff Selection.** Sponsored by: Residence Life. Know anyone interested in becoming a Head Resident, Resident Assistant, Community Advocate, or Graduate Complex Assistant (Graduate Students only) for the summer? Please visit our [website](#). Online application available **March 5-21** and must be submitted by 11:59pm March 21, 2018.

• **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, **March 22nd** featuring Cam Grover, Applied Science. Doors open at 5:30 and the talk begins at 6:00. Contact [Dylan Simpson](#) if you're interested in presenting in the future.

• **Fall Schedule Adjustment/Registration for Continuing Students.** **March 24**, 2018 - June 30, 2018. [More](#)

• **Sebouh Jacob Paul,** Physics, will present their Dissertation Defense, titled: *Searching for a Dark Photon in the HPS Experiment* on **March 26**, 2018 from 12pm - 3pm in Small Hall, Room 122. [More](#)

• Join the **Graduate Student Association (GSA)** as they discuss current graduate student events, issues, and concerns. Open to Arts and Sciences graduate student body. There will be free pizza! **March 27**, 2017 from 5:00pm - 6:00pm in the Sadler Center, York Room [More](#)

• **Zhen Xing,** Physics will present his Dissertation Defense, titled: *Charge Dynamics in the Metallic and Superconducting States of the Electron-doped 122-type Iron Arsenides* on **March 28**, 2018 from 1pm - 4pm at Small Hall, Room 122. [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 Summer 2018 must be received in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research by 4:00 p.m. on **Friday March 30, 2018**. This will cover expenses incurred: April 16, 2018 through August 31, 2018. **To receive your award**, contact your department/program administrator. Your administrator will guide you through Commonwealth and institution regulations. Please follow their instructions carefully. You may be required to submit original receipts for all expenses. You are expected to use the award for the purpose it was requested, if your plans change please consult with the Office of Graduate Studies to ensure the funds may be used for a different purpose. [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, 2018 through August 31, 2018 is: 5:00 pm on **Friday March 30, 2018**. **To receive your award**, contact your department/program administrator. Your administrator will guide you through Commonwealth and institution regulations. Please follow their instructions carefully. You may be required to submit original receipts for all expenses. You are expected to use the award for the purpose it was requested, if your plans change please consult with the Office of Graduate Studies to ensure the funds may be used for a different purpose. [More](#)

• **Celebrating Diversity 50th Anniversary of African Americans in Residence** William & Mary will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the first African American students in residence — Lynn Briley, Janet Brown and Karen Ely (class of 1971) — with a year-long series of special events, guest speakers and performances, beginning with Convocation weekend in August, 2017, and continuing through Commencement in May, 2018.
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

“Write-Ins” hosted by Graduate Writing Resources Center. Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. & Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Trying to make progress on an article, dissertation, or other big project but need a boost? 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, these writing retreats provide 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 asgradportfolio@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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cross-Disciplinary Problem-Solving & Research A Professional Development Initiative. Recruiting multiple disciplines – Sciences, Engineering, Arts, Humanities, and related professional fields – to enhance coastal resilience to climate change Virginia Sea Grant (VASG), the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), and the University of Virginia (UVA) are pleased to announce the availability of a one-year professional development opportunity in the rapidly emerging area of multi-, inter-, and trans-disciplinary team problem-solving and research. What you will learn: How to effectively work on multi-disciplinary teams. Latest evidence-based communication and group leadership techniques in these cross-disciplinary problem-solving settings. How to employ strategies and tools of adaptive practices that ensure team success. How to integrate diverse disciplinary perspectives to address a real world challenge – enhancing site-specific resilience to climate change. For eligibility and more information. Deadline: March 30, 2018

Virginia State University is pleased to present its first Research Week, April 6-13, 2018. This week is an interdisciplinary fusion of research conferences from across the campus. The purpose of this week is to support and celebrate the scholarly work of the University community. The events for the week include: The 12th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference, April 6, 2018, The 11th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, April 11, 2018, The 6th Annual Social Injustice Conference, April 12-13, 2018 and The 7th Annual Black Psychology Conference, April 13-14, 2018. Specific details for each conference, including abstract submission and registration, can be found by following the links for each event.
The Department of Energy’s Office of Science is now accepting applications for the Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program (2018 Solicitation 1). Applications are due 5:00pm Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. 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/.