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Funding Opportunities

The 17th Annual Graduate Research Symposium will be held March 16-17, 2018 at the Sadler Center. This year there are 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. Please join us Thursday night, March 15 at 6:30 pm for the Annual Raft Debate. Be sure to join us Friday, March 16 from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm for our Poster Presentations/Professional Development and Networking Reception. The Research Symposium is free and open to the public. The full 2018 GRS program will be available the first week in March 2018. Here is the 2018 Schedule at a Glance. Check out the Upcoming Research Symposium website for additional information.

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.

Friday, July 13  Deadline for submission of required DRAFT dissertation for August 2018 degree conferral. See Physical Standards for Theses & Dissertations for templates

Friday, July 13  Deadline for the submission of the signed License and Embargo Form to the OGSR for August 2018 degree conferral. See License and Embargo

Friday, July 20  Defense must take place on, or before, this date for August 2018 degree conferral.

Friday, July 27  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.

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

- **Life is Not an Emergency: An Introduction to the Alexander Technique.** A sequence of two 75 minute workshops for students. **Feb. 28** from 2:00-3:15 in Chesapeake C, Sadler Center. The workshops include individual work for each participant within the group setting. 12 participants maximum. First come, first served. We will begin by exploring the Alexander concepts of awareness, pausing, and direction and then applying those concepts to the difficult demands of our busy lives. Consider a different perspective about responding to stress: What if you are as important as what you are doing? Registration is required for the workshop. Questions? Please contact Joan Gavaler. Sponsored by Health & Wellness of Student Affairs.

- **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 1st** Featuring Joseph Lawless, American Studies. Doors open at 5:30 and the talk begins at 6:00. Contact Dylan Simpson if you’d like to present this semester.

- **Digital Humanities:** Announcing a new opportunity to get computer programming and methods help with digital humanities projects: “Digital Humanities Office Hours” with grad student George Purnell from Computer Science. Fridays, 1-3 PM (next one March 2nd) in the Reeder Media Center (ground floor of Swem). As a courtesy, please email George with questions/problems in advance so he can have resources and answers on hand when you drop in. Sponsored by the OGSR and hosted by W&M Libraries.

- **Green Fee Proposals Due! - February 27, 2018.** Fund your sustainability idea, research, program or initiative! The Committee on Sustainability accepts Green Fee proposals every fall and spring semester from all students, faculty and staff. Submissions are accepted early for those who would like additional feedback. For more information and to apply.

- **Spring Break** - March 5, 2018 - March 9, 2018

- **Classes Resume from Spring Break** March 12, 2018
The Reves Center is seeking enthusiastic graduate students to serve as International Orientation Peer Leaders. Great way to build your leadership, cross-cultural communication, and team-building skills. Applications are due on March 14, midnight. Questions? Contact Eva Wong.

The 2018 Raft Debate will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sadler Center's Commonwealth Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. Described as a "delicate balance of comedy and lecture," the annual Raft Debate features four W&M faculty members from diverse disciplines, stranded on a desolate island with only a one-person life raft for escape to civilization. More

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


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

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

Chrysler Museum of Art—Summer Fellowship. The Chrysler Museum of Art is seeking a current graduate student or recent recipient of a graduate degree to serve as a Graduate Summer Fellow for Summer 2018. The Summer Fellow will provide research and assistance for a forthcoming exhibition and catalogue devoted to the architecture of Thomas Jefferson and Andrea Palladio. Please send a cover letter explaining your interest and preparation for the position and a CV or resume to: Corey Piper, Brock Curator of American Art. Deadline: Applications due March 12, 2018, with notifications expected early April, 2018

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/.