Funding Opportunities

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.

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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.

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](#)

**GSA Accepting Nominations for Officer Positions**: If interested in serving on GSA, fill out this [nomination form](#). GSA is a great way to know about graduate student events and voice your opinion as a graduate student in the Arts and Sciences. Meetings are once a month with free pizza. **Interest meeting: March 27th** at 5 p.m. in the York Room. Nomination forms are due on March 30th. For more information, visit our [website](#).

**Professors' Round Table**: Women in Academia. Join us on **March 27th** at 7 p.m. in Small 111 for a panel discussion with four interdisciplinary professors on the struggles women face in order to succeed in an academic career. Celebrating 100 years of women at William and Mary and Women's History Month, we will hear from Dr. Jennifer Kahn of Anthropology, Dr. Margaret Saha of Biology, Dr. Anke van Zuylen of Mathematics, and Dr. Karin Wulf of History about their career paths, accomplishments, and advice for upcoming scholars. Refreshments will be served.

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**,
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- **Financial Planning** - This workshop will focus on establishing sound practices when it comes to your finances, with panelist Dr. Katherine Guthrie from the Business School and Dean of Graduate Studies Virginia Torczon. We will also talk about how to prepare for paying for graduate and professional school. This event will take place on **April 4**, 2018 from 4pm - 6pm in the Swem Library, Ford Classroom. Please **RSVP** for this event.

- **Renee Kingan**, American Studies will present her Dissertation Defense **April 6**, 2018

- **Connecting Communities Workshop Series** - This 3-workshop series is aimed at connecting faculty, staff, and graduate students across the four professional schools at William & Mary. Participants will discuss and learn of the experiences of different self-identifying groups, and brainstorm ways of supporting and enhancing diversity both at VIMS and on the W&M Campus. By integrating individuals from multiple graduate programs, we hope to foster a stronger and deeper sense of community throughout our institution. Lunch will be provided at all three events. **Workshop 1**: Faculty and Staff Tuesday, **April 10**, 2018 12-2:00 pm Brinkley Commons MPR, Mason School of Business, **Workshop 2**: Graduate Students Friday, **April 20**, 2018 12-2:00 pm Watermen's Hall Classroom A/B, VIMS 1375 Greate Rd, Gloucester Point, VA 23062, **Workshop 3**: Faculty, Staff, and Students **April 25**, 2018 12-2:00 pm Watermen's Hall Classroom A/B, VIMS. **Register here** for one or more. Please see the [Connecting Communities Workshop event flyer](#) for more information.

- The Fourth Annual Vinson Sutlive Lecture in Historical Anthropology – This talk will reflect on **The Man Who Stole Himself: The Slave Odyssey of Hans Jonathan** (U of Chicago Press). Born into slavery on St. Croix in the Danish West Indies in 1784, Hans Jonathan grew up in Copenhagen and later escaped to Iceland. Presented by Gisli Palsson, Tuesday, **April 10**, 2018 at 5:00 pm in Washington Hall, room 201. More

- **Jacob James Ethier**, Physics will present his Dissertation Defense **April 11**, 2018 3pm - 6pm Small Hall, Room 122. More

- **Re-Enrollment & Medical Clearance Deadline** - For Summer Term **April 15**, 2018. 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/](https://science.energy.gov/wdts/scgsr/).

- **Data Science Fellowship. Program:** The Data Incubator is an intensive 8 week fellowship that prepares masters students, PhDs, and postdocs in STEM and social science fields seeking industry careers as data scientists. The program is free for Fellows and supported by sponsorships from hundreds of employers across multiple industries. In response to the overwhelming interest in our earlier sessions, we will be holding another fellowship. Who Should Apply: Anyone who has already
obtained a masters or PhD degree or who is within one year of graduating with a masters or PhD is welcome to apply. Applications from international students are welcome. Everyone else is encouraged to sign-up for a future session. Dates: All sections will be from 2018-06-18 to 2018-08-10. Application Link - Data Science in 30 minutes: Learn how to build a data-science project in our upcoming free Data Science in 30-minutes webcast. Signup soon as space is limited.