Welcome and welcome back, grad students!
This email is the first of a weekly newsletter from the Office of Graduate Studies and Research (OGSR) that you’ll receive every Monday morning during the academic year. The Newsletter is a valuable source of information for Arts & Sciences graduate students, including announcements about available grants and awards, upcoming workshops and events, and academic deadlines. Issues of the Graduate Arts & Sciences Newsletter are archived on the OGSR website. Have an event or opportunity to share? Contact Vicki Dopp (vlthompsondopp@wm.edu).

OGSR Reminders

1. **Time to update your address.** All students are required to provide and maintain a valid mailing address and phone number. Students who do not reside in campus housing are also required to maintain a current local address and phone number.
2. **The Graduate Student Association** (GSA) is a student-led organization that brings together graduate students from across Arts & Sciences. The first GSA meeting will be September 4th at 5:00 p.m. in the Sadler Center.
4. Fall classes begin Wednesday, August 29th, 2018.
5. Labor Day (classes meet; offices closed): Monday, September 3, 2018
6. **The last day to Add/Drop** a class is September 7, 2018, and the **Withdrawal Period** begins September 8, 2018.
7. The **deadline to apply to graduate** in January, May, or August 2019 is October 1, 2018.

Graduate Center Programs

1. **Learn more about the A&S Graduate Center and its programs.**
2. **Got Mentoring?** Sign up for the Mentoring Program to be paired with a member of our Graduate Studies Advisory Board. Receive one-on-one mentoring intended to help you build professional skills and prepare for a variety of careers. Apply online by September 21, 2018.
3. **Bibliographies Made Easy.** Learn about a variety of citation management software to help you automatically cite as you write, organize, easily collaborate with classmates, and create bibliographies. This workshop is hosted by the Grad Center and W&M Libraries: Wednesday, September 12 at 5 p.m. in the Swem Learning Center. Pizza provided. **Register to participate** by Sept. 10, 5pm.
4. **The Graduate Writing Resources Center** opens September 10. Get help on a writing assignment, research proposal, thesis, or any type of graduate-level writing through this free service. **Make an appointment** with a graduate consultant online.
5. **Saturday Write-Ins with the GWRC.** 10AM-1PM in the Graduate Commons, most Saturdays. Come get your writing done in a quiet, supportive environment. Free snacks and optional help from a GWRC consultant. **Register online.**
6. **Build your skills with GRAD courses.** These free, zero credit courses are designed to help you improve skills in writing, college-level teaching, communication, and more, but without requiring large amounts of extra time or work. Courses meet for 10-weeks, or as one week “boot camps” during winter or summer break.

W&M Events & Opportunities
Opening Convocation is Wednesday, August 29, 2018 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.

2. W&M Libraries’ Digital Services Team is hiring. Interested in working with Omeka, Drupal, or other web content management systems? Work might include scanning archival materials, manuscript transcription, scholarly publishing, and coding for digital humanities. Contact Debbie Cornell (dacornell@wm.edu)

3. The Cohen Career Center offers valuable resources for graduate students on job search information, writing a resume/CV, interviewing for jobs, and more.

4. Campus Parking Services. Eligible students can access the online parking portal to purchase a parking decal.

Funding, Fellowships, and More

1. A&S Graduate Research Grants. A&S Graduate students are encouraged to apply for support up to $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. Fall 2018 grants will cover expenses incurred September 1 to December 31, 2018. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m., September 7, 2018.

2. OGSR/GSA Supplemental Conference Travel Funding. Through a collaborative effort between the OGSR and the GSA, a limited number of awards are available to assist selected A&S graduate students who are attending or presenting at a research conference. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m., September 7, 2018, for conference travel taken during between September 1 and December 31, 2018.

3. The U.S. Dept. of Energy Office of Science is accepting applications for the Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program. The SCGSR program provides doctoral dissertation research opportunities for graduate students at DOE national laboratories. Applications are due November 15, 2018.