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Funding Opportunities

Upcoming Graduate Research Symposium - YOU are invited to attend and participate in the Sixteenth Annual Graduate Research Symposium (GRS) to be held at the Sadler Center on March 16-17, 2017. Check out the Upcoming Research Symposium website for information on the Abstract submission - deadline at 11:59 pm EST on December 8, 2017

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

**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.

**Dec. 8, 2017**  
Deadline for submission of FINAL thesis/dissertation 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

- **Drum Circle: A Lemon's Legacies Porch Talk** will take place November 7, 2017 from 12pm - 1:30pm in the Crim Dell Meadow. Feeling stressed from finals or the upcoming holiday season? Join the Lemon Project and Patrick Hudgins from the Counseling Center in a healing drum circle to relieve some tension. Come beat on a variety of drums; no musical experience required! Register for this event Rain location is Dodge Room, PBK
The next **Graduate Student Association** Meeting is on November 7, 2017 5:30pm - 6:30pm Sadler Center, James Room.  [More]

**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, **November 9th**. The speaker will be Hyunyoung Moon presenting *How to Network at an Academic Conference* in Washington room 201 with free pizza and other refreshments. This talk is sponsored by the Cohen Career Center. Doors open at 5:30 and the talk begins at 6:00. Join our Facebook Group for more information.

**Valerie Marie Gray**, Physics will present her Dissertation Defense on **November 9, 2017** from 10am - 1pm in Small Hall, Room 122.  [More]

**Don’t miss this!** Award winning Journalist, Documentarian, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist, **Soledad O'Brien** will present *Diversity: On TV, Behind the Scenes, and in Our Lives* on November 14, 2017 at 7:45 p.m. in the Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium for the 2017 Hunter B. Andrews Distinguished Fellowship in American Politics Lecture. Please RSVP by **November 9**. For more information, visit the [50th Anniversary Calendar](#).

**International Peace Scholarships** - P.E.O. is offering International Peace Scholarships for women (not citizens or permanent residents of the US or Canada) to pursue graduate studies in the US or Canada. November 13, 2017 5pm - 6pm Sadler Center, James Room. Please register by Fri, **November 10**.  [More]

**Etiquette Lunch** - All Students Welcome! Attendees will be dining and learning the subtleties of etiquette with expert, Kathleen Powell, Associate Vice President for Career Development at William & Mary. **November 10, 2017** from 12pm - 1:30pm in the Sadler Center, Chesapeake B&C. Students please RSVP via Tribe Forms.  [More]

**Matthew Creed Burton**: Physics Dissertation Defense **November 13**, 2017 3:30pm - 6:30pm Small Hall, Room 122.  [More]

**Christopher Robert Flint**, Physics will present his Dissertation Defense November 14, 2017 from 10am - 1pm in Small Hall, Room 122.  [More]

**Re-Enrollment & Medical Clearance Deadline** - For Spring Semester is **November 15, 2017**.  [More]

**Armen Oganesov**, Physics will present his Dissertation Defense November 16, 2017 from 10am - 1pm in Small Hall, Room 122.  [More]

- **Qing Yang**, Computer Science will present his Ph.D. Dissertation Defense, titled: *Exploiting Power for Smartphone Security and Privacy* on **November 17, 2017** at 1:30pm - 3pm in McGlothlin-Street Hall, Room 002. [More]

- **Thanksgiving Break** will be from November 22, 2017 - November 26, 2017

- **Classes Resume** from Thanksgiving Break on Monday, November 27

- **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 **Friday December 8, 2017**. This will cover expenses incurred: January 1, 2018 – April 15, 2018. **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](http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/refunds/) for conference travel taken during the period January 1, 2018 – April 15, 2018 is: 5:00 pm on **Friday December 8, 2017**. [More]

- All A&S graduate students are required to complete the [Haven training module](http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/refunds/) 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.

- **Classes End** Friday, on December 8

- **W-2's in Self Service** - Consenting to receive your W-2 via Self Service offers many benefits - early filing/early refund, security and convenience! The process is easy - log into Self Service, locate Tax Forms on the Employee Tab, check the consent box and submit. 2017 electronic W-2s will be available in early January, and paper forms will be mailed by January 31, 2018. The [deadline to consent](http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/refunds/) is **December 10, 2017**. For more information, please contact the Payroll Office at 221-2848. For more information - [Simonne Vance](mailto:Simonne.Vance@wm.edu)

- **Residence Life hires** approximately 170 student staff in seven positions. Information sessions (see attached flyer) will occur in November for students to learn more about
the Resident Assistant, Head Resident, Hall Director, Complex Director, Housing Assistant, Community Advocate and Graduate Resident Assistant positions. Please encourage anyone you believe may be good candidates to attend or apply. The application will go live on November 1 and remain open until Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 11:59pm. Here is are the lists of Information sessions dates and the available positions.

- **S. Laurie Sanderson Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring.** Deadline: **February 9, 2018.** Nominate a graduate student for outstanding mentoring of undergraduates in scholarship and research outside of classroom teaching. The [S. Laurie Sanderson Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring](https://example.com) are awarded to A&S graduate students at the Graduate Research Symposium. Deadline for nomination materials is Friday, February 9. See the website for the nomination form, and all guidelines.

- **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](https://example.com) and More information

- Announcing a new award that celebrates exemplary faculty who mentor graduate students as scholars, teachers, and professionals. This award recognizes faculty adept within the broad spectrum of activities that makes up graduate mentoring. To nominate a faculty member, please read over the award announcement found online.

- “Write-Ins” hosted by Graduate Writing Resources Center. Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 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.

- **Student Portfolios: Highlight your accomplishments on the OGSR website.** The [Graduate Studies website houses portfolios](https://example.com) 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.

- **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](https://example.com) (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.

- **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.”

- 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](#)

- **SAVE THE DATE - 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. Participants will be announced in spring 2018. [More](#)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Research at National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL).** Participants are provided the opportunity to conduct hands-on energy research at NETL through educational programs administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). NETL’s Core Research and Development areas focus on five energy related issues: Chemical Engineering; Decision Science and Analysis; Systems Engineering and Integration; Applied Materials Science and Engineering; Environmental Subsurface Science. To engage these five critical issues, ORISE offers three highly competitive programs designed for all academic levels – the Professional Internship Program (PIP) (graduate students in good standing at a regionally accredited college/university, or a post-baccalaureate within one year of graduation), the Postgraduate Research Program (PGRP) (for graduates who received their master’s degree within the last three years, or doctorate within the last five years). Please [visit](#) to learn more about the program and the application process. To be considered for the NETL research program students need to [apply online](#).

- **International Peace Scholarships** provide funds for women (not citizens or permanent residents of the US or Canada) to pursue graduate studies in the US or Canada. Attend an info session on Mon, **Nov 13** at 5pm at the James Room, Sadler Center. [Register](#) by Nov 10. Questions? Contact [Eva Wong](#).
• The Reves Center Office of International Students, Scholar and Programs has some funds from which it grants scholarships and financial aid to international students at W&M. We are now accepting applications for the International Student Opportunity Scholarship! Eligibility: Enrolled W&M international students. Purpose: Support for students who wish to pursue special opportunities such as an internship, attend a conference, etc. Application Process: Apply online through our Scholarships webpage. The deadline is November 10.

• 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. 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/.

• 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

• Applications for the Virginia Space Grant Consortium Graduate Research Fellowships are now available. The fellowships provides fellowships of $6,000 in add-on support to graduate students to supplement and enhance basic research support. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a program of study in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) and have a specific faculty-mentored research project that has NASA or aerospace relevance. APPLICATION Deadline February 5, 2018 (Letters of recommendation must be received by February 12th, 2018.) Applicants will be notified early April. Any questions can be directed to Joyce Kuberek. More