

# JMU Graduate Community News

*From here, everything is possible!*

September 27, 2021



**COME TO THE NSVR GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FAIR.** Consider a second master's, a doctoral program. Speak to representatives from [80 graduate and professional school programs](#) on **Tuesday, September 28, 3-6 pm** at Hotel Madison. No registration is required at this free event. [More Information](#)

**NEED A QUIET SPACE TO STUDY, CONDUCT RESEARCH OR WRITE?** The Graduate Student Professional Development Center (Grad Lounge) is a space dedicated solely to graduate students. This large room is located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Madison Hall. Madison Hall is open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm daily, and if you would like to use the space during evenings or weekends you can request access by completing a form to submit to the Graduate School office. Forms are available in the Grad Lounge and in the Graduate School office, also on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Madison Hall.

**APPLY FOR A TRAVEL GRANT!** Participation in professional conferences, meetings and creative competitions is critical to graduate students' professional development. In collaboration with the Office of Research and Scholarship, The Graduate School is pleased to offer a travel grant program that provides support for graduate students to share their scholarly and creative work with their professional communities. Requests for funding to cover registration fees for online events will be considered. We anticipate several rounds of consideration. The deadline for consideration during the first round is **September 30**. [More Information and Application](#)

**SUBMIT A POEM** to the Furious Flower Homecoming & JMU Alumni Association's Poetry Contest. Tell us what *home* means to you. Selected poems are featured in the Breeze homecoming issue. Poets will be invited to participate in a virtual showcase event hosted by Furious Flower's Carmen R. Gillespie Fellow, Jordanne Alexander. Submission deadline – **October 1, 2021**. [More Information](#)

**DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS IDEA** that you would like to get off the ground? Seek support from the Gilliam Center for Entrepreneurship's (GCFE) Incubator Program. Meet fellow "studentpreneurs" while working one-on-one with GCFE staff who have helped launch countless student-led ventures! Through monthly mentoring meetings, cohort experiences and Incubator-specific programming, you'll take your business from IDEA to LAUNCH! **Fall semester recruitment is open until Sept. 30**. For information email Katie at [overfiki@jmu.edu](mailto:overfiki@jmu.edu).

**JMU BLUESTONE SEED FUND.** The Gilliam Center for Entrepreneurship announces the formation of the Bluestone Seed Fund (BSF) The BSF will make equity investments in student-led startup companies. You can be a part of this hands-on learning opportunity as either a Student Founder or a Student Venture Associate. [More Information](#)

**MULTILINGUAL STUDENT SERVICES** will connect you with one-on-one support. We offer tutoring, thesis services and faculty consultations. We help you start, work on, or review assignments. Available to students from all disciplines and at all academic levels. Seek answers to questions about JMU's academic culture, share concerns, and discuss your ideas. [More Information](#). Contact [Kristen Shrewsbury](#) with questions.

**AFRICA, AFRICAN AMERICAN, AND DIASPORA STUDIES (AAAD) CALL FOR PROPOSALS.** The JMU AAAD program invites proposals for its annual interdisciplinary conference, to be held virtually as a webinar series from Wednesday, February 16 to Saturday, February 19, 2022. This year's theme is "*Voices of Race, Modes of Advocacy*." Proposals are due **October 15, 2021**. [More Information](#)

**BLACK WOMEN IN THE ACADEMY ANNUAL CONFERENCE.** Join the JMU [Sisters in Session](#) for the Black Women in the Academy Annual Conference. The 2021 theme is *Honor, Support, and Revive*. Pre-Conference Welcome Reception at Hotel Madison's Montpelier Restaurant on **Thursday, September 30, 5:30-7:30 pm**. **Conference and Workshop** will be held via Zoom on **Friday, October 1 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm**. [More information](#) [Register Here](#)

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.** Eight graduate assistantship positions are still available to full-time graduate students. Graduate assistantships defray the cost of tuition and pay a stipend. While not necessarily in your home department, all graduate assistantships are professional-development opportunities in addition to sources of financial support. For example, positions are currently advertised for an Outreach Coordinator for the Honors College, Marketing positions for the College of Education, assistants for the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and a Communications Assistant for the University Career Center. More information about these and other positions at [JobLink](#).

**EVERYTHING THE LIBRARIES OFFERS IN ONE PLACE.** Feel like you're missing something? Find scholarly resources; get help with research, publishing, or technical support; feed your creativity. Visit the library's [Services for Graduate Students](#) page to find what you need!

**FOOD PANTRY AND OTHER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE.** The [Pantry](#) offers shelf-stable foods, basic hygiene products, and limited school supplies, plus assistance with printing costs, on-campus laundry costs, and access to campus dining options. Email [pantry@jmu.edu](mailto:pantry@jmu.edu) with questions.

**WHAT IS THRIVE?** THRIVE is a Graduate-School-supported student organization that serves graduate students as they work towards their higher-level degrees. The goal of THRIVE is to build an inclusive graduate student community, define and support affinity groups and create networking among our graduate students. In September, THRIVE hosted a Meet & Greet event in which more than 20 graduate students convened in the Graduate Lounge. Their current Affinity Groups consist of: (African American/Black, International Students, LGBTQ+, Hispanic American, Asian American). Participate or become a leader for one of THRIVE's affinity groups. Contact [thrive@jmu.edu](mailto:thrive@jmu.edu).

#### **PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA):**

- **JOIN THE GSA!** For questions email [gsa@jmu.edu](mailto:gsa@jmu.edu).
- **CONNECT TO GSA.** Find information about upcoming events below. Find additional information about the GSA on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).

**COVID-19.** To protect our community, JMU has [vaccination requirements](#), [vaccine-status-reporting requirements](#), and [mask-wearing expectations](#). Please help us keep our community safe. [More information](#)

**THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTARIES AND FILMS AVAILABLE TO YOU ONLINE.** JMU Libraries announces new options for streaming videos. Visit the JMU Libraries website to learn more about [streaming video resources](#).

**DATES AND DEADLINES.** For upcoming dates and deadlines please refer to this [link](#).

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## Upcoming Events

### GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION EVENTS:

- **Thursday, October 7:** General Body Meeting from 7-8 PM in the Graduate Student Lounge (4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Madison Hall)
- **Friday, November 19:** Professional Development Grant application due by 11:59 PM

**STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP GUEST SPEAKER SERIES.** Join us **Thursday, September 30, 5:30-7:00 pm** in Sonner Hall 2005 for SSLS's first guest speaker. Mark A. Hager, Ph.D. from the School of Community Resources and Development Arizona State University will present, *“Technology Adoption & Civic Engagement Leadership: Using Technology to Engage Nonprofit Volunteers During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”* [More Information and to RSVP](#)

**IMAGING WOMEN IN SPACE**, an exhibit from The New York Hall of Science (NYSCI), showcases the achievements of America’s pioneering female astronauts and highlights the historic fascination with space women in movies, television, advertising, fashion design and toys. One-half of the 38-image exhibit will be displayed in the 2nd floor hallway of ENGEO and ½ will be exhibited in ICI in Roop Hall 208 and both will run from **September 30 – December 10, 2021.** [More information](#)

**VISTING SCHOLAR.** [Dr. Sacoby Wilson](#) will present *“Bending the Arc to Environmental, Climate, and Racial Justice: The Role of Community Science.”* **October 5, 7:00 pm.** [Join virtually](#)

**DUKE GALLERY OF FINE ART** is currently showing JMU’s School of Art, Design and Art History Faculty work and scholarship, **until October 9.** SADAH’s faculty are at the forefront of their fields of study, advancing art, design, creativity and scholarship. This exhibition is a chance for the community to see the caliber of their work in one place. [More information](#)

[More On-campus Events](#)

## Harrisonburg Area:

**HARRISONBURG FARMERS MARKET** every **Tuesday & Saturday, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm** at the Turner Pavilion, 228 South Liberty Street, Harrisonburg, VA [More Information](#)

**HISPANIC FILM FESTIVAL.** **September 29 – October 3** at Court Square Theater, Harrisonburg. [More Information](#)

**VIRGINIA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE** is an annual, all volunteer event that raises money for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The 2-day event includes an auction of quilts, woodwork, handmade items, and more. A wide variety of homemade food is also a highlight for many people. **Friday, October 1, 4:00-9:00 pm & Saturday, October 2, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm** at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. [More Information](#)

**HARRISONBURG DOWNTOWN.** Find out what’s happening in downtown Harrisonburg this fall! [More information](#)

[More Harrisonburg Area Events](#)

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# Tips from TGS (The Graduate School)

**The Student Handbook.** It is the responsibility of every student to know and follow the policies outlined in the JMU Student Handbook along with federal, state, and local laws. [Student Handbook](#)

**Graduate Policies.** You are responsible to read and follow the graduate policies set forth in the [Graduate Catalog](#). Important information regarding degree progress, including rules for successful progression and continuous enrollment are also on the [Graduate School website](#).

**Approval of a Thesis or Dissertation Committee.** Students who are completing these sorts of projects must submit a signed approval form to The Graduate School by the second week of the semester in which the student first registers for thesis or dissertation credits. [Approval form](#)

**Monitor your Dukes E-Mail account!** Official information is sent to each student's official [Dukes e-mail account](#). Check your @dukes.jmu.edu e-mail account on a regular basis.

**Monitor MyMadison!** The *Student Center* in [MyMadison](#) is where you will find advising information, register for classes, and where you can view "To Do Items" that will keep you on track towards graduation. Use the Student Center to update your mailing address and cell phone number. It is **your responsibility** to maintain accurate contact information. Check your account regularly. Don't miss important information!

**Updated 2021-2022 JMU Student Accountability Process and Standards of Conduct Handbook.** The updated version of the Handbook is available exclusively at [www.jmu.edu/handbook](http://www.jmu.edu/handbook).

## Essential Links:

- [Graduate School Website](#)
- [Graduate Catalog with Graduate Policies](#)
- [JMU Student Handbook](#)
- [Forms for Graduate Students](#)
- [Thesis Guidelines](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)

**Have Questions?** Please contact the following person if you have questions regarding:

Thesis/Dissertations	Laura Ryman ( <a href="mailto:rymanle@jmu.edu">rymanle@jmu.edu</a> )
Assistantships/Scholarships	Laura Ryman ( <a href="mailto:rymanle@jmu.edu">rymanle@jmu.edu</a> )
Graduation/Commencement/Transfer of Credit	Kathryn Brown ( <a href="mailto:wendelkt@jmu.edu">wendelkt@jmu.edu</a> )
Continuous Enrollment (Current Students)	Laura Ryman ( <a href="mailto:rymanle@jmu.edu">rymanle@jmu.edu</a> )
Initial Enrollment (Unable to Begin Program)	Sheree Will ( <a href="mailto:willsa@jmu.edu">willsa@jmu.edu</a> )
General Questions	Pamela Bell ( <a href="mailto:grad@jmu.edu">grad@jmu.edu</a> )

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We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to [grad@jmu.edu](mailto:grad@jmu.edu).

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