HELP JMU SELECT A NEW DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL by participating in candidate meetings and providing your input to the Search Committee. You must register for each of the events that you will attend by following the appropriate link.

Dr. Linda Thomas, Director, JMU School of Integrated Sciences
Meeting with Graduate Students: Monday, March 1, 3:30-4:30  Register here
Public Talk followed by Q & A: Tuesday, March 2, 10:30-12  Register here

Dr. Shannon Campbell, Founding Associate Vice President of Graduate Studies, Metropolitan State University of Denver
Meeting with Graduate Students: Friday, March 5, 3:00-4:00  Register here
Public Talk followed by Q & A: Friday, March 5, 12-1:30  Register here

Dr. Yuma Tomes, Chair, Department of Psychology and Philosophy, Sam Houston State University
Meeting with Graduate Students: Thursday, March 11, 1:30-2:30  Register here
Public Talk followed by Q & A: Thursday, March 11, 11:00-12:30  Register here

2021 GRADUATE SHOWCASE OF SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES is currently accepting proposals. **Deadline: March 22, 2021.** This year’s event will be virtual, held asynchronously and available on JMU’s website on April 19, 2021. Refer to our webpage for updates. The Graduate Showcase is a celebration of graduate student creativity and scholarship at JMU. It provides the opportunity for graduate students to present their work in a professional conference style, create interdisciplinary connections for future collaboration, and learn more about exciting projects happening all across campus. Submission instructions  Visit last year’s virtual showcase

THE FOURTH ANNUAL DIVERSIFYING SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH CONFERENCE held at the University of Virginia is accepting abstracts through March 5. The conference will be hosted online on April 9, 2021, registration is free. More Information

NOMINATE A MEMBER OF THE JMU COMMUNITY for the Spring 2021 “ALL TOGETHER ONE” awards! These awards are given to those individuals who exemplify a spirit of community, inspiring others, a caring attitude, dedication to learning, etc. Submit your nomination to odk@jmu.edu by March 8 at noon. More Information

THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTARIES AND FILMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE. JMU Libraries announces new options for streaming videos. Visit the JMU Libraries website to learn more about streaming video resources

INFORMATION ABOUT LIBRARY SERVICES FOR NEW STUDENTS is available on the library website. New Student Information

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 with questions.

THRIVE EVENTS. Inquire about THRIVE meetings and events at thrive@jmu.edu.
PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

- **JOIN THE GSA!** The GSA meets each second **Wednesday** of the month from **7:15-8:00 pm**. For questions email [gsa@jmu.edu](mailto:gsa@jmu.edu).
- **CONNECT TO GSA.** You may find information for events and participation on our social media pages: [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. There are currently five Graduate Assistantship positions being advertised on [JobLink](https://www.jmu.jobs). Graduate students may also qualify for student and “wage” staff positions posted on [JobLink](https://www.jmu.jobs).

HONE YOUR INTERVIEW SKILLS. The University Career Center is offering opportunities to practice and improve your interview skills. Among the options are practice sessions with **University Career Advisors**, [InterviewStream](https://interviewstream.com), an online tool for practicing alone with a webcam, and [SAP Brilliant Hire](https://www.sap.com/). [More Information](https://www.jmu.edu/careers/)

UPDATES TO STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND STANDARDS. The Office of Student Accountability and Restorative Practices (OSARP) has updated the 2020-2021 JMU Student Accountability Process and Standards of Conduct Handbook. All students are responsible for knowing the standards of conduct.

GRADUATE SCHOOL DATES AND DEADLINES. For upcoming dates and deadlines please refer to this [link](https://www.jmu.edu/graduate/).
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 Polices. 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. Some temporary policies are currently in force due to COVID-19. Temporary Policies

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!

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:

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