

JMU Graduate Community News

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SHOWCASE OF GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY (GRAD SHOWCASE) 2022. Present your research and creative activity, and compete for awards at our annual event. [Submit your proposal](#) by **March 21** and mark your calendar to attend sessions that will include: presentations, posters, performances, and an awards reception. **Thursday, April 21, 2022.** [More Information](#)

GRADUATE STUDENTS NEEDED FOR HONOR COUNCIL. Graduate student volunteers are needed to serve on Honor Council review boards. Serving on the Honor Council is an important and sensitive position that will allow you to serve your fellow graduate students and be an integral part of JMU's judicial process. **Your voice will matter.** As an Honor Council review board member, you will influence the outcome of academic integrity cases. Minimum commitment is approximately 2 hours per semester. Contact [Evan Holden](#) for information. [More Information](#)

APPLY FOR AN INNOVATIVE DIVERSITY EFFORTS AWARD – IDEA GRANT. The office of Access and Inclusion has requested proposals for projects that will enhance the diversity, access and inclusion at JMU. This program provides funds to students, faculty, and staff to test innovative ideas and/or develop sustainable activities and projects that can enrich the diversity of the university. Awards of up to \$4,000 are available. **Deadline: February 28.** [More Information](#)

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE through the office of Research & Scholarship. Participation in professional conferences, meetings, and creative competitions is a wonderful opportunity for professional development. [Apply](#) for a travel grant to assist with the cost of these endeavors. **Deadline: March 1.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS are available to qualified students each semester by the Graduate Student Association (GSA). These funds may be used to attend workshops where you will not

be presenting, to cover fees to join professional societies, and for any other creative learning opportunities not covered by university/departmental funding. [Apply Here](#). **Deadline: March 18.**

SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR JMU'S SPRING 2022 CONFERENCE, to be held **April 7-8** at JMU. The topic this year is **Memory, Shame, Guilt: Present and Past**. This conference is a collaboration among The Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures, English, History, Justice Studies, Military Science, Philosophy and Religion, Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology; Schools of Music and Art and Art History; and the College of Arts and Letters. **The deadline for abstracts/proposals is March 18.** [More Information](#)

HELP CREATE SOCIAL CHANGE. Attend the [Ignite Retreat](#) in Staunton, VA, **April 1-3**. Receive 1-on-1 mentoring from coaches who have started non-profits, built social ventures, and are actively changing their communities. Attend workshops about understanding your passions, clarifying the problem you want to solve, and how to launch a project. **Register by March 14.**

DO YOU ENJOY ADVENTURE TRIPS? Want to participate but don't have sufficient funds? Consider these upcoming UREC Adventure Trips. If you are financially challenged, [Apply for a scholarship](#).

Trip	Dates	Application Deadline
Camp & Canoe on the Shenandoah (\$115)	4/9-4/10	March 30 by 5 pm
Camp & Raft the New River Gorge (\$300)	4/22-4/23	April 13 by 5 pm
Camp & Rock Climb in WV (\$215)	4/30-5/1	April 20 by 5 pm

THRIVE DROP-IN HOURS. THRIVE is a Graduate School-supported student organization that serves graduate students as they work toward their higher-level degrees. THRIVE seeks to build an inclusive graduate student community, define and support affinity groups and create networking among our graduate students. Drop in this Spring semester on **Tuesdays 3-5 pm** and **Thursdays 2-4 pm** in Madison Hall, fourth floor, room 4010, to just say hello or to stay to work on assignments. Contact THRIVE at thrive@jmu.edu. [More information](#)

SOMOS - JMU LATINX CONFERENCE, CALL FOR PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS OR PANELS. The SOMOS JMU Latinx Conference will be held on **October 28, 2022**. This in-person event will examine current trends in Latinx topics such as social justice, health equity, identity and representation, and how this population is reshaping the demographics in the Commonwealth. Submissions your proposal [online](#) through **June 3**. The event's keynote speaker will be American labor and civil rights activist, Dolores Huerta. [More Information](#)

THE APPALACHIAN CONSERVATION CORPS IS LOOKING FOR YOUTH CREW LEADERS FOR SUMMER 2022. Appalachian Conservation Corps (ACC) employs young people to critical conservation service work in the region during June through August. Crews are based in Harrisonburg and travel with 6-8 person teams to complete projects. Team Leaders earn \$685 to train and motivate team members as they efficiently complete projects on public lands. [Position description and application](#).

THE UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER'S GRADUATE SCHOOL LIASON **Alyssa Hawley** is a great resource to assist you with resume review and career preparation. Check out [University Career Services for Graduate Students](#) or contact [Alyssa](#) for more information.

NEW GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP POSITION AVAILABLE. A JMU Libraries Special Collections Graduate Assistantship position is currently available. Apply now on [JobLink](#). **Deadline is March 8.**

WANT A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OR A CAMPUS JOB? There are currently 12 graduate assistantships, 45 student positions and 19 part-time wage positions posted on [Joblink](#).

JOIN THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA). Find information about the GSA on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#). For questions email gsa@jmu.edu.

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](#).

JMU LIBRARIES' GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCES can be found [here](#).

Campus Events

BRING YOUR SMALL BUSINESS IDEA TO LIFE. Come hear from JMU Alumni small business owners as they share their experience in starting, owning, and running their small business. Attend via Zoom, **Wednesday, March 2 from 6:00 -7:00 pm**. [Register here](#)

FALL OF KABUL: CRITICAL FACTORS IN TALIBAN'S RETURN the Inaugural Beitzel Lecture will be presented by Dr. Samiullah Nuristani, research associate. **Thursday, March 3 from 4:00-5:00 pm** in Wilson Auditorium. [More information](#)

JMU X-LABS PRESENTS – FAB LAB 2021 – THE MAGIC OF SELF-CARE Join JMU X-Labs in creating a self-care space where creativity and the power of play are at the heart of unwinding and relaxation! Some activities include: Flight simulator with Dynamic Aviation, DIY reusable tote bags, vision boards, meditation station with UREC, healing art workshop, book exchange, etc. This event is FREE but requires [registration](#). **March 4 from noon – 4:00 pm** at JMU X-Labs, 298 Port Republic Rd.

JMU MFA STUDENT SHOW Sarah Phillips, MFA 2021, is featured in Homeward Bound 2021: Juried Triennial at [Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke, VA](#). [The Exhibition](#) runs from **Now thru March 6, 2022**

MAKERSPACE WORKSHOPS for students, staff and faculty, presented by JMU Libraries:

- **Sewing 101** Learn to use our sewing machines and walk through a simple sewing project. Excellent for folks new to sewing or looking for a refresher. All supplies provided. **March 10, 5-6 pm** in the Rose Makery. [Sign up](#) or [view more dates](#).
- **Electronics 101** Create a simple circuit and control it with an open-source microcontroller kit. All supplies provided. **March 10, 4-5 pm** in the Rose Makery. [Sign up](#) or [view more dates](#).

KINESIOLOGY LECTURE - Chris Harwood, Ph.D., C. Psychol, FBASES, FHEA, presents, **Excellence Together: The Role of Sport Psychology in Optimizing the Youth Sport Experience, Monday, April 4 at 5:30 pm** in the Health and Behavioral Studies building, Room G101. Free and open to the public.

CHECK OUT THE MASTER JMU EVENT CALENDAR. [More Campus Events](#)

HARRISONBURG DOWNTOWN. Find out what's happening in downtown Harrisonburg [here](#) and [here](#).

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!

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 (rymanle@jmu.edu)
Assistantships/Scholarships	Arlynda Boyer (boyeral@jmu.edu)
Graduation/Commencement/Transfer of Credit	Kathryn Brown (wendelkt@jmu.edu)
Continuous Enrollment (Current Students)	Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu)
Initial Enrollment (Unable to Begin Program)	Beth Johnson (johns8ba@jmu.edu)
General Questions	Pamela Bell (grad@jmu.edu)

We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to grad@jmu.edu.

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