WELCOME TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR! The Graduate School staff are here to support you during your graduate school journey.

AN INVITATION. “As you settle into classes and your routines, I want to send a special invitation to you to attend our upcoming Welcome Reception to be held on September 15 from 6 PM to 8 PM in Madison Hall 1001/1002. This event is for new and returning students, faculty, and staff in celebration of the academic year. Attendees can expect to learn about upcoming programming, campus and community resources, and our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Please be on the lookout for a formal invitation and registration details. All are welcome. If you have questions or concerns in the meantime please do not hesitate to email me at tgsdiversity@jmu.edu” - Dr. Deborwah Faulk, TGS DEI Faculty Fellow

PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA) The GSA promotes interdisciplinary unity amongst JMU graduate students through:
- Social Events - Our first event will be a JMU Football Tailgate – Date TBA.
- Career-building workshops
- Professional development grants

Join the GSA! For questions email gsa@jmu.edu. Stay up-to-date by following the GSA on Facebook and Instagram.

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF JMU LIBRARIES. Learn what’s new for graduate students. A portal to library resources for graduate students can be found here.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY STUDENT RESOURCES. Campus and community resources available to support students’ basic needs can be found at the Student Support Hub, a website that will connect you with food, financial, housing and other resources. These resources will help you thrive at JMU.
MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS. JMU VALOR provides all military-connected students with resources for success. More information

NEED FOOD OR HYGIENE ITEMS? Check out The Pantry in Taylor Down Under (The Union), room 112. Shop in-person or place orders through The Pantry app, available in the Apple and Android stores. Use the app to select the curbside pickup option or rapid pickup in The Pantry. The Pantry is open Mon 12-6 pm and Tues-Thurs 12-5 pm. Available to all students, no questions asked! More Information

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES EXPANDED. The JMU Counseling Center is available to all students and they have just announced new resources available for free to all students, available 24/7. Learn more

LOOKING FOR A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OR A CAMPUS JOB? There are currently 10 graduate assistantships, 57 student positions and 30 part-time wage positions posted on JMU Joblink.

CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT is currently available in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. If you are looking for temporary work from mid-September, 2022 through late February, 2023 (20-30 hours a week) please contact Amy Jefferson at jefferae@jmu.edu and apply to the “Temporary Administrative Pool” in Joblink. Direct link to posting in Joblink

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.

HOMELAND SECURITY PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS are available for degree-seeking graduate and undergraduate students in the areas of Intelligence Analysis, Intelligence Operations, Mission Readiness, Information Technology and Data Science. Applications are due August 31. More information

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY LEADING CHANGE CONFERENCE (#LEADCC23) will be held at JMU in February 2023, hosted by JMU’s School of Strategic Leadership Studies. The call for proposals will be released in September, with registration opening in October. LEADCC23 is a regional interdisciplinary conference that gives scholars an opportunity to present their research without requiring significant travel. LEADCC23 will create an intimate and developmental forum for faculty and student, students and practitioners to share their idea. More information

REVISED STUDENT HANDBOOK. All JMU students are expected to abide by the policies outlined in the student handbook. Please monitor your @dukes.jmu.edu email account as this is JMU’s official means of communication with students. All JMU offices will send notifications and important information to this official JMU email addresses.

Campus Events

GRAD POP UP SHOW. The MFA in Studio Art program will present the work of their current graduate students in the ArtWorks Gallery, August 31-September 5. View a wide range of concepts and approaches that include fibers, ceramics, sculpture, photography, drawing and performance. More information

THE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM BOARD (UPB) sponsors student-focused events throughout the year. For example, join us for Popsicles on the Commons, Wednesday, August 24, 11:00-1:00 pm, watch Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness, Friday, August 26, 9 – 11:30 pm, or join us for Tie Dye (Weeks of Welcome), Saturday, August 27, 9-11 pm. More about UPB

ROCK THE LAKE is a Music Festival powered by JMU X-Labs! Meet and discover opportunities available through community partners or explore new technologies through flight simulators and virtual reality!
Other activities include henna tattoos, prize wheels, scavenger hunts, a photo booth, and more! **September 2 from 4:00-8:00 pm** at Lakeview Hall.

**JMU VALOR 5K.** Join VA Momentum and **JMU Valor** to honor student heroes during a 5K through campus on **Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9:00 am**. This event supports student veterans and first responders, commemorates heroes and lives lost on 9.11.01, and unifies campus and community. Register by **Sept. 2** to receive a free t-shirt with your $30 registration fee. [More information](#)

**CHECK OUT THE MASTER JMU EVENT CALENDAR.** [MORE CAMPUS EVENTS](#)

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## Area Events

**BLOCK PARTY IN THE ‘BURG** [RSVP](#) to stay in the loop about updates on activities! **August 27, 2:30-4:30 pm.** Downtown Harrisonburg vendors offer discounts and activities to welcome JMU students.

**THE COURT SQUARE THEATER** hosts films, live performances and much more. [Learn more](#)

**PRIDE NIGHT** is held the last Wednesday of every month at [Sage Bird Ciderworks](#), **August 31, 8:00-11:00 pm.**

**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN HARRISONBURG?** Find out what’s happening in downtown Harrisonburg [here](#) and [here](#).

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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!

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

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