Graduate Student Resources

Funding & Workspace

- **External Fellowships**: the Office of Graduate Fellowships has information guides on external fellowship opportunities; 1-1 consultations/assistance preparing application materials.
- **Internal fellowships**: the Office of the Provost offers Presidential Scholar Fellowships, Summer Research Fellowships, Provost PhD Awards, Graduate Student Travel Fund, & Dissertation Completion Grants.
- **Semester-long lockable desk and writing rooms**: the University Libraries offer semester long, lockable desk space and writing rooms in Fenwick & Arlington Libraries (application process).
- **Graduate Student Study Space**: the (5th floor of Fenwick Library) is dedicated to graduate student study space.
- **Innovation Hall 3rd Floor Computer Commons**
- **Reservable collaborative rooms/study space in Gateway, Fenwick, Arlington Libraries and Innovation Hall**
- **HireMason**: a search engine run by Career Services for positions open to graduate students.

Teaching Skills

- **Information Guides** on teaching strategies by the Stearns Center for Teaching and Learning
- **Stearns Center’s Innovations in Teaching & Learning** conference: day of teaching related sessions (held mid-September at Mason)
- **Stearns Center’s PROV601 “Thrive in Graduate School”** workshop series (every spring semester, “Becoming a college instructor,” “How people learn: Implications for teaching”)
- **Stearns Center’s PROV701 “Preparing for Careers in the Academy”** workshop series (every fall semester, “Designing a course”)
- **Faculty Conversations** by Stearns Center: monthly faculty presentations on teaching strategies for online & in person teaching.
- **Stearns Center’s Department/Program specific GTA workshops** (custom topics, available upon request)
- **OSCAR/Students as Scholars**: Support for graduate students mentoring undergraduate students in research.

Research Skills

- **Frequent workshops on data management, citation management, search strategies, GIS, etc.** offered by University Libraries
- **GRADReCon** (Graduate Research Conference): a day of research skill-related workshops (co-sponsored by GradLife and University Libraries, held early fall and early spring semesters)
- **SP/RC at Fenwick Library (2nd floor)** has support around producing digital and print research presentation materials (e.g., posters, videos)
- **Subject Librarians** are available for 1-1 consultations (including accessing public and managing personal research databases) through University Libraries
- **Stearns Center’s PROV601 “Thrive in Graduate School”** workshop series (every spring, “Communicating your research,” “Creating a publication plan”)
- **Writing consultations** by appointment, weekly graduate student writing workshops & 1-1 assistance in forming writing groups 

Communication Skills & Publication

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- **Annual write-in day** offered by Grad Life (held every fall/spring, includes time to write and writing skills discussions)
- **Students can submit to the Journal of Mason Graduate Research**: published by Mason Publishing
- **Poster templates & resources for professional presentations available from OSCAR/Students as Scholars**
- **Walk in technology help; reservable collaborative spaces & recording studio at the Club (3rd floor JC)**
- **One Button Studio (Gateway Library)**: record presentations w/no tech training required
- **Spring Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference by GAPSA**
- **1-1 consultations w/Career Services** (help identifying non-academic career paths, how to use tools like LinkedIn, resume review, etc.)
- **1-1 consultations w/ Stearns Center** (academic job materials: c.v., cover letter, research & teaching statements)

Career Planning

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- **Stearns Center’s PROV701 “Preparing for Careers in the Academy”** year long cohort program for advanced PhD, MFA students, apps. due late Mar.—workshops open to all students
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Well-being & Navigating Graduate School

- **GradLife’s annual Gradstravaganza**: mini-workshops & community picnic/games (early Sept.)
- **GradLife’s Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week** (mid-Spring)
- **Grad Nights in**: provides social breaks by GradLife
- **“Maximizing productivity during graduate school”** workshop series offered by Grad Life/Learning Services
- **Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA)**
- **PhD Support Group organized by CAPS**
- **Networking for graduate students of color GradLife**
- **Mason Grad Insider Blog**: provides tips by GradLife
- **Free yoga, meditation, workshops, annual conference, and events offered by the Center for the Advancement of Well-being**
- **Recreational sport clubs, classes, facilities, & trips through Mason Recreation**
- **Stearns Center’s PROV601 “Thrive in Grad School”** (SP cohort program for students in 1st or 2nd year, apps. due mid Oct.)—workshops open to all students

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