# 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 desks and writing rooms:** the University Libraries offer semester-long, lockable desk space and writing rooms in Fenwick & Arlington Campus (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**
- **Handshake:** is 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); scholarships to attend available.
- **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/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 Conferences): a day of research skill-related workshops (co-sponsored by GradLife and University Libraries; held fall semester).
- **SP@RC at Fenwick Library** (2nd floor) has support around producing digital and print research presentation materials (e.g., posters, videos).
- **Stearns Center-GradLife-Career Services workshops:** "Grant proposal writing panel!")
- **Subject Librarians** are available for 1-1 consultations (including accessing public and managing personal research databases) through University Libraries.

## Communication Skills & Publication
- **Writing consultations by:** appointment, weekly graduate student writers & 1-1 assistance in forming writing groups offered through the Writing Center.
- **Thesis and Dissertation consultations available by appointment at:** Writing Center.
- **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 and Three Minute Thesis by Office of the Provost and GAPSA.**

## Career Planning & Leadership Skills
- **1-1 consultations w/ Career Services** (help identifying non-academic career paths, how to use tools like LinkedIn, resume review, etc.) OR Stearns Center (academic job materials: c.v., cover letter, research & teaching statements) OR Office of Technology Transfer (entrepreneurship pathways & training).
- **Stearns Center-GradLife-Career Services workshops:** "Professional branding & networking, “Academic job search process,” “Exploring careers with your doctoral (& MFA) degree,” “Resume and CV writing,” “Writing cover letters”)
- **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.
- **Department/Program specific workshops** (available upon request; co-sponsored by Career Services, GradLife, & Stearns Center)
- **Etiquette Dinner** (every spring on Arlington Campus) w/ University Life & Career Service.

## Well-being & Navigating Graduate School
- **GradLife’s annual Gradstravaganza:** mini-workshops & community picnics/games (early Sept.).
- **GradLife’s Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week** (mid-Spring). Group study time at Grad Night In by GradLife.
- **Maximizing productivity during graduate school** workshop series offered by Grad Life/Learning Services.
- **Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA).**
- **Graduate Student Support Group organized by GAPSA.**
- **Networking for graduate students of diverse identities” GradLife.**
- **Mason Grad Insider Blog** provides tips by GradLife and University Life Arlington.
- **Free yoga, meditation, workshops, annual conference, and events offered by the Center for the Advancement of Well-being.**
- **Graduate Outdoor Adventures by GradLife and Mason Recreation.**
- **Recreational sport clubs, classes, facilities, & trips through Mason Recreation.**

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