

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's Department/Program specific GTA workshops** (custom topics, available upon request)
- **OSCAR/Students as Scholars:** Support for graduate students **mentoring undergraduate students** in research

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Research Skills

- Frequent **workshops on data management, citation management, search strategies, GIS, etc.** offered by **University Libraries**
- **GRADReCon** (Graduate Research Connections): 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 write-ins & 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 picnic/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 **CAPS**
- "Networking for graduate students of diverse identities" **GradLife**
- **Mason Grad Insider Blog** provides tips by **GradLife** and **University Life Arlington**
- Free yoga, meditation, workshops, 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**

Career Services <http://careers.gmu.edu> Center for the Advancement of Well-being <http://wellbeing.gmu.edu>

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