

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 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
- **HireMason:** 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)
- **Stearns Center's PROV601 "Thriving 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 Connections): 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**

Communication Skills & Publication

- **Stearns Center's PROV601 "Thriving in Graduate School" workshop series** (every spring, "Communicating your research," "Creating a publication plan")
- **Writing consultations** by appointment, **weekly graduate student write-ins & 1-1 assistance in forming writing groups** offered through the **Writing Center**
- **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**

Career Planning

- 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)
- **Stearns Center's PROV601 "Thriving in graduate School" workshop series** (every spring, "Planning now for the career you want later," "Academic branding & networking," "Preparing for the academic job search")
- **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/ **GradLife & Career Services**

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

Stearns Center for Teaching and Learning (formerly Center for Teaching & Faculty Excellence) <http://stearnscenter.gmu.edu/for-graduate-students/>

CAPS <http://caps.gmu.edu> GradLife <http://gradlife.gmu.edu> Office of Graduate Fellowships <http://gradfellows.gmu.edu>

Office of Provost <http://provost.gmu.edu/graduate-education/grad-ed/> OSCAR/Students as Scholars <http://oscar.gmu.edu/students/>

University Libraries <http://library.gmu.edu/for/graduate> & <http://library.gmu.edu/learn> Writing Center <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/for-graduate-students>

