WELCOME TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

DR. DANIEL C. BULLARD, DEAN
CHOOSING YOUR PATH
The Graduate School is here to support you from start to finish on your journey.
OUR TEAM

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A series of short courses and professional development opportunities for graduate students interested in pursuing careers in higher education.

- 1 to 2 credit courses
- Service-learning experiences
- Networking opportunities
CLASSES FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

- GRAD601: Academic Professions
- GRAD610: Career & Professional Development
- GRAD615: Careers in Biomedical Sciences
- GRAD616: Becoming an Entrepreneur
- And more!
GRADUATE SCHOOL EVENTS

FALL
• 3MT Competition
  Prelim. Rounds-Week of Sept. 19th
  Final Round–Oct. 7th
• Graduate Education Week
  October 3-7

SPRING
• Research Symposium
• Graduate Student Appreciation Week
MAPPING OUT YOUR SUCCESS

• STAY ORGANIZED
• STAY CURRENT
• STAY CONNECTED
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

DR. JEFFERY WILSON
ASSOCIATE DEAN, THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
Diversity is no longer a wish. It is an expectation.
Virginia Commonwealth University and its academic health sciences center serve as one national urban public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of our students, patients, faculty, staff and community through:

• Real-world learning that furthers civic engagement, inquiry, discovery and innovation

• Research that expands the boundaries of new knowledge and creative expression and promotes translational applications to improve the quality of human life

• Interdisciplinary collaborations and community partnerships that advance innovation, enhance cultural and economic vitality, and solve society’s most complex challenges

• Health sciences that preserve and restore health for all people, seek the cause and cure of diseases through groundbreaking research and educate those who serve humanity

• Deeply engrained core values of diversity, inclusion and equity that provide a safe, trusting and supportive environment to explore, create, learn and serve
The VCU Graduate School recognizes that in order to maintain and deliver high quality graduate education, we must embrace and celebrate the unique differences among the graduate community on our campus. As such, we take pride in working to ensure diversity, equity and inclusive practices resonate in every facet of our work as a Graduate School. It is this diversity that makes VCU a vibrant and engaging laboratory for a well-renowned graduate education experience for all members of our treasured community.

Our commitment is to work with the schools and colleges to ensure increased enrollment and retention of graduate students from historically underserved and underrepresented populations, remain inclusive in practice, and demonstrate an appreciation and respect for all in every aspect of their identities.
Offices On Campus

• Office of Institutional Equity, Effectiveness and Success
• Office of Multicultural Student Affairs
• Student Accessibility and Educational Opportunity Office
• Global Education Office

Graduate School Upcoming Events for Fall

• Graduate Education Week – Oct. 3-7
• Diversity in Graduate Education Day - Thursday, October 6
Diversity in Graduate Education Day Symposium

- Held during Grad School Week last October
- 2021 Keynote speaker was Rodney Robinson
- Dean’s panel on diversity and graduate education
- Graduate student panel on surviving COVID-19 and moving forward in graduate education
- Reception
GSA Roles and Responsibilities

Represents graduate student interests to the University

Monthly general body meetings for graduate organizations and students

Hosts events for graduate students

Funds graduate student organizations

Please e-mail us (gsa@vcu.edu) or follow us on social media:

VCU GSA
@vcugsa
Opportunities and Activities

Meetups
Networking
Professional Development

Volunteer Opportunities
Social Events
Collaborations

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@vcugsa
Questions?

If you would like to ask your questions virtually, send the questions to: devlinna@vcu.edu

(my email address)

Scan the QR code!
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity

Rocky Carmine, Assistant Director for Strategic Partnerships & Outreach
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity
2021-2022 Academic Year
VCU Honor System

Academic honesty, truth, and integrity are very important to advancing knowledge and promoting student success.

All students must conduct themselves according to the highest standards of academic integrity.
VCU Honor System & Standards of Academic Conduct

• Cheating
• Deception
• Exploitation
• Facilitation
• Plagiarism
• Sabotage
• Stealing
VCU Honor System

- Unauthorized Collaboration
- Plagiarism
- Recycling Work
- Sharing Academic Materials
- “Contract Cheating”
What You Can Do

• Make sure you are aware of the expectations of each assignment
• Do not share your works with other or upload to websites
• Speak with your faculty member if you are ever unsure
Process

• Professor reports suspicion of an honor violation to SCAI
• If the professor and the student agree, the professor can adjudicate themselves
• Otherwise, students are contacted by SCAI and given the opportunity to respond to the allegation and present evidence
• “Clear & Convincing Evidence”
• If found responsible, a sanction is proposed
• A student can appeal if they disagree with the sanction, or responsibility
Sanctions

**Class A Sanctions**
- A Grade of 0 on the assignment
- A grade reduction on the assignment
- A new opportunity to complete the assignment

**Class B Sanctions**
- A Grade of F in the Course
- Suspension
- Expulsion
Other Potential Actions

• Being found responsible for an Honor infraction may result in
  – A loss of Assistantship
  – Lower GPA
  – Dismissal from the program
  – Professional Ethics & Integrity
  – Athletics
  – Honors College
Honor Pledge:

“On my honor, I have neither given nor received aid on this assignment, and I pledge I am in compliance with the Honor System.”
VCU Student Code of Conduct

• VCU Student’s behavior, *both on and off campus*, is a reflection of the VCU Community

• Students are encouraged to engage in responsible social conduct that reflects credit upon the university

• If you are breaking the law, it is likely you are also violating the VCU Student Code of Conduct
Become familiar with the policy:

scai.vcu.edu

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Student Conduct & Academic Integrity
VCU Writing Center

Trey Burnart Hall, Writing Center Coordinator
VCU Writing Center

Peer-based support to help VCU students become the strongest, most confident writers possible

Visit https://writing.vcu.edu/ for current hours, events, scheduling info, writing resources, and more!
University Student Health Services

Dr. Karen Kirby
VCU Student Health Staff Physician
University Student Health Services

Monroe Park Campus
1300 W. Broad Street
Suite 2200
(804) 828-8828

MCV Campus
1000 E. Marshall Street
Room 305
(804) 828-9220

health.students.vcu.edu
We are a **nationally accredited health care service** providing high-quality outpatient care to VCU students.
Our Medical Team

- Physicians (Internal Medicine, Family Practice, & Psychiatry)
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Nurses
- Pharmacists
- Lab Personnel
- Registered Dietitian
Planning Your Visit

Appointments
- ALL appointments are scheduled by phone.
- Appointments may be in person, by phone or Zoom as appropriate.

Health Fee
- Visits are covered by a semester health fee.
- Students are responsible for the cost of medications, certain labs, or equipment.
- Health insurance coverage is needed for services rendered outside of Student Health Services.
Our Services

VCU Student Health
Primary Care Services

Both clinic locations offer primary care services

Some services may be limited or only available virtually

Masks must be worn in all clinical settings
Immunization Services

The Student Health Immunization Department offers a wide variety of vaccines, tuberculosis testing, and lab titers for a fee.

**Appointments & Fees**
- Students must call for an immunization appointment.
- Fees vary depending on the service being requested. Visit [health.students.vcu.edu/immunizations/](http://health.students.vcu.edu/immunizations/) for details.
- Student Health does **not** accept health insurance, but students may submit receipts to their carrier for reimbursement if applicable.

**Free Vaccines**
- Student Health offers free **flu and COVID-19 vaccines** to all VCU students.
Mental Health Services

Mental health services include evaluation and medical management of common psychiatric disorders by primary care providers and staff psychiatrists.

Appointments

- Students must call to schedule an appointment.
- Students must be referred to a staff psychiatrist by a provider at Student Health or University Counseling Services.
An on-site pharmacy is available at the Monroe Park clinic location.

**Prescription & Over-The-Counter Medications**

- Prescription medications must be ordered by USHS providers.
- **HOURS:** 8am-4:30pm Mon-Thurs  
  10am-4:30pm Fridays  
  (closed from noon–1pm)

**Competitive Prices**

- We do not accept health insurance but offer affordable pricing for prescription and OTC meds
- Cashless payments--credit, debit, RamBucks, Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, Google Pay
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

University Counseling Services
Where are our offices?

On Monroe Park Campus
Student Commons – Room 238
907 Floyd Ave.
804-828-6200
M-F 8 am – 5 pm

On MCV Campus
VMI Building, 4th floor – Room 412
1008 E. Marshall St.
M & T 11 am – 8 pm
W - F 8 am – 5 pm
UCS Basics

• UCS Services are available to enrolled VCU students, and are free of charge.
• Information disclosed in clinical sessions is confidential
Common concerns addressed at UCS

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Stress
- Trauma
- Relationship Problems
- Family Issues
- Academic Functioning
- Adjustment/Life Transitions
ACCESSING SERVICES

• Students can come to either of our office locations or call our main number at 804-828-6200 to initiate services
• Students will be given instructions for completing initial paperwork, and will be scheduled to meet with a UCS clinician for a RAM (Referral and Assessment Meeting)
• RAMs are designed to assess student’s mental health needs and to provide information and treatment recommendations

For students experiencing a mental health emergency, crisis services are available 24/7/365. Students in crisis can call **804-828-6200** to speak to a crisis clinician.
AVAILABLE SERVICES

Services will be offered both in-person and via Zoom.

• Individual Therapy
• Group Therapy
• Relationship Therapy
• Identity-based Support Groups
• Skills Groups
• Case Management
• Advocacy
• Rams in Recovery
• 24/7/365 Crisis Services
IDENTITY-BASED SUPPORT GROUPS

- Black Voices
- Rainbow Group
- Latinx Voices
- International Student Discussion Hour
- Asian Voices
- Support Group for Survivors of Sexual Violence
- Support Group for Students with Chronic Health Conditions

More info and sign ups here:
CONSULTATION AND OUTREACH

Skills Training and psycho-education
Suicide Prevention education and training
LGBTQIA+ diversity education and training
Recovery Ally Training
Social Media

Campus Connect: Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training

Follow us @vcucounseling
SELF-HELP RESOURCES

counseling.vcu.edu

Anxiety & Stress Management

Depression, Grief, and Loss

Coping with the Impact of Trauma

Healthy Relationships and Consent

Adjustment & Life Transitions

Identity-Based Resources

Eating Concerns

Suicide Prevention

Substance Use Concerns
Your Virtual Health and Well-Being Resources
Available on the TimelyCare app or timelycare.com/vcu

- **Health Coaching**
  Use this to help develop healthy lifestyle behaviors.

- **TalkNow**
  24/7, on-demand emotional support to talk about anything.

- **Self-Care Content**
  Visit the “Explore” page for guided self-care content.

- **Scheduled Counseling**
  Choose your preferred day, time, and mental health provider.

Scan the QR Code to access care. It's for Students. FOR FREE.
Questions?

counseling.vcu.edu
804-828-6200
National Scholarship Office (NSO)
What is the NSO?

The National Scholarship Office helps students and alumni apply to *external* (inter)national scholarships and fellowships.

**NSO Resources:**

- Individual consultations
- Organizational and writing support
- Recommendation coordination
- Mock interviews
Fall 2022 Information Sessions for Graduate Students

August 17 @ 11am - Presidential Management Fellowship
August 18 @ 3pm - NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
August 19 @ noon - Grad Student General Info Session
August 24 @ 1pm - NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
August 30 @ 12:30pm - Critical Language Scholarship/Boren Awards
September 7 @ noon - Grad Student General Info Session
September 7 @ 2pm - Critical Language Scholarship

September 9 @ 3pm - Presidential Management Fellowship
October 18 @ 2pm - Ford Fellowship
October 20 @ 3:30pm - RISE/SMART/NDSEG
October 25 @ 12:30pm - Boren Awards
October 25 @ 2pm - RISE/SMART/NDSEG

November 1 @ 2pm - Boren Awards
November 2 @ 1pm - Point Foundation Scholarship
Stay In Touch

National Scholarship Office
701 W. Grace Street
804-828-6868
natlscholar@vcu.edu

Website: https://www.nso.vcu.edu/
Blog: https://blogs.vcu.edu/natlscholar/
Make an appointment: https://nso.youcanbook.me

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Head to our linktree

VCU National Scholarship Office
GRADUATE STUDENT SAFETY ORIENTATION - 2022
KEEPING VCU SAFE 24/7

- VCUPD has 95 sworn officers. Officers patrol the Monroe Park and MCV Campuses daily.
- DCJS certified, full arrest powers.
- In a Spring 2020 survey, 97% of community members reported feeling “safe” or “very safe” on campus
- VCU was the 1st university in Virginia to be certified as a Crime Prevention Campus
- VCUPD oversees the operations of private security guards on both campuses.
VCU Alert emergency notifications include text messages, emails, sirens, Alertus boxes in classrooms, desktop computer notifications, etc.

• To sign up and/or view VCU Alerts, visit: alert.vcu.edu

Use the free LiveSafe app to send in tips, photos, videos and audio files 24/7. Tips can be sent in anonymously.

Look for Emergency Reporting Telephones (ERTs) on campus. Calls go directly to VCU Police.
VCU’S WEAPONS POLICY

Tasers and firearms are not allowed.
Pepper spray is allowed on campus.

SAFETY TIPS

• Report suspicious behavior immediately.
• Never leave backpacks, phones, computers and other belongings unattended in public.
• Register bikes and computers on the VCUPD website. (Registration is useful for recovering stolen items and returning them to owners.)
• Always choose safety over courtesy.
• TRANSPORTATION: Call (804) 828-SAFE for RamSafe. GRTC Pulse buses are available for transportation.
WELLNESS

Medical Amnesty

In accordance with Virginia state law (Code Sec.18.2-251.03):

“If you seek or obtain medical attention for yourself or someone else, who is experiencing an overdose, neither of you will be arrested for possession of that substance.” Per the state code, an “overdose” is defined as a life-threatening condition resulting from the consumption or use of a controlled substance, alcohol, or any combination of such substances.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Crisis clinicians with University Counseling Services can be reached @ (804) 828-6200 day or night.

(Select option 2 when calling after hours.)
• All VCU students and staff represent the university at all times both on and off campus.

• The university expects each student to abide by the Student Code of Conduct and evaluates each case to determine if a student is in violation of that policy and, if so, issue appropriate disciplinary action.

• VCUPD will work the university, landlords, outside agencies, and the community to address any concerns involving students off campus.

• Hazing can be reported to VCU Police and the department will investigate all reports of hazing by, and against, VCU students.
In summer 2020, VCU established an independent Safety and Well-being Advisory Committee, which was charged with defining and instituting the components of a new, transformational public safety model. A final report was issued in summer 2021.

Since summer 2020, VCU Police increased or started training in the following:

- Mental Health First Aid
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training
- Fair and Impartial Policing, Implicit Bias Training
- Every Office is a Leader
- Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Training – officers learn how proactively prevent mistakes, prevent misconduct and promote their fellow officers’ health and wellbeing.
THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM AND RESOURCES

Safety and Support
If you are experiencing a mental health emergency and want to speak with a crisis clinician, then please call University Counseling Services at (804) 828-6200 day or night. Students will no longer need to call VCU police for mental health emergencies.

For other emergencies or immediate safety concerns, call VCU Police at (804) 828-1234 or call 911.

Submit a tip through LiveSafe
Send VCU Police information 24/7 about emergencies or crimes.

I need help now
For help with anything ranging from health and wellness, threatening or disruptive behavior, or other safety issues.

I am concerned about a student
If you have any concerns about a VCU student, you can request help on their behalf.

I want to submit a concern
For most other concerns, you can file a report using one of the available online forms.
AT VCU, SAFETY IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY

• Know how to contact VCU Police if you have an emergency
• Sign up for VCU Alert texts
• Visit our website, police.vcu.edu for additional safety resources
  – Active Shooter Safety information
    • Run-Hide-Fight response and how to lock down rooms
  – Rape Aggression Defense Systems
    • Women’s self-defense course

Thank you for attending.
Please let us know if you have questions.
Career Services for Graduate Students
How does Career Services help students?

Career Exploration
- Discuss or explore career interests
- Discover and research their skills and values
- Network and manage professional relationships

Jobs and Internships
- Connect with organizations for jobs and internships
- Find an internship, part-time job or full-time job
- Translate and articulate skills and experiences to employers

Continuing Education
- Explore and plan for graduate and/or professional school
- Create short and long-term career goals
Handshake is the university’s official job search portal for full- and part-time jobs as well as internships and Federal Work-Study opportunities.

Opportunities for graduate students are posted in Handshake!
How We Can Help

• Appointments
  – Career Advising
  – Mock Interviews
• Workshops
• Career Fairs
• Resumes
• CVs
• Cover Letters

• Personal statements
• Teaching philosophy
• Academia vs. Industry
• Networking
• Managing your professional image
• Online resources
• Handshake
Grad 610 - Career & Professional Development for Graduate Students

• 1 credit hour
• 9 weeks
• Offered fall and spring

Topics -
• Resumes and CVs
• Interviewing
• Leadership in your career
• Creating a targeted job search
• Salary negotiation
• and more!
Thank you! Any questions?

Careers.vcu.edu  @VCUCareers  Facebook.com/VCUCareers  @VCUCareers
Search Strategies

Managing citations

Staying informed

Data management

Publishing support

Creating multimedia
CLOSING REMARKS
STAY CONNECTED WITH THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

VCU Graduate School
@vcugradschool
@vcugradschool
graduate.vcu.edu
A CHANCE TO WIN!

New Graduate Student Orientation Raffle
Tuesday, August 16, 2022

To enter this drawing, students should interview one fellow new graduate student attending orientation today using the below questions. All raffle tickets should be returned to the Graduate School GradFest table in Cabell Library, room 303 by 2pm. The winner(s) will be contacted via email to claim their prize.

What is your name?

What program are you in?

What are you most excited about graduate school?

What is one fun fact about you?

PARTICIPANT NAME:

PARTICIPANT VCU EMAIL:

• Interview a fellow new graduate student
• Fill out up to three raffle forms
• Have a chance to win one of three prizes!
HOW TO WIN!

- Return to the Graduate School table at GradFest by 2 p.m.
- Winners will be contacted via email
- Prizes:
  - 1st drawing - $500
  - 2nd drawing - $300
  - 3rd drawing - $200
THANKS FOR COMING!
WELCOME TO THE RAMILY!

NEXT: Lunch at Shafer Court Dining Center
THEN: GradFest Resource Fair at Cabell Library