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.
WE’RE HERE TO HELP
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
COMMUNITY-ENGAGED SCHOLARS PROGRAM

• Led by the Center for Community Engagement & Impact
• Offered to all graduate students of all disciplines
• Designed to deepen students’ understanding of community-engaged teaching, learning, and research in higher education
CLASSES FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

- GRAD601: Academic Professions
- GRAD610: Career & Professional Development
- GRAD615: Careers in Biomedical Sciences
- GRAD616: Becoming an Entrepreneur
- And more!
From the Dean

It’s an exciting time to be part of the VCU community. Over the past year, we learned to adapt creatively to an ever-shifting reality—we found the strength to move through the unthinkable. And now, we’re reclaiming the closeness that was lost over so many months of isolation. I’d like to welcome you to our first edition of With the ProgRAM, a regular news digest from the Graduate School.

Here we’ll share ways to get involved, to connect with your fellow Rams, and to make the most of your time at VCU. We’ll highlight you and your peers and the collaborative, innovative work happening in our graduate programs.

Whether you’re a new or returning student, on campus or learning virtually, we’re thrilled that you’re with us. As the first day of classes approaches, know that we are here to support you in every way we can. The fall semester is certain to be a rich and vibrant one—I greatly look forward to it, and I hope to have the opportunity to meet you at one of our many events this fall.

Sincerely,

More From VCU

3MT® Submissions Open Soon!
The VCU Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition challenges research-based Master’s and Ph.D. students to synthesize their research into an engaging three-minute presentation for a diverse audience. This is a unique opportunity to publicize your work, make connections, and win cash.

Register for an Information Session →

Weeks of Welcome
August 21 marks the start of VCU’s Weeks of Welcome. Dozens of events will take place over six weeks, with opportunities to build community, get involved at VCU, and meet new people.

See the Schedule →
GRADUATE SCHOOL EVENTS

FALL
• Grad Week
  October 11-15

SPRING
• Research Symposium
MAPPING OUT YOUR SUCCESS

- STAY ORGANIZED
- STAY CURRENT
- STAY CONNECTED
STAY CONNECTED WITH THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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408 W. FRANKLIN ST.

MOSELEY HOUSE
1001 GROVE AVE.

GRADSCCHOOL@VCU.EDU
STUDENT AFFAIRS

DR. CHARLES KLINK
SENIOR VP FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS
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

- Diversity in Graduate Education - Thursday, October 14
- Focus Group on DEI
Welcome Incoming Graduate Students

A brief introduction to the Graduate Student Association
What We Do

• Appropriations
  – Departmental Graduate Student Organizations

• GSA Events
  – Social events
  – Career Development

• GSA Advocacy
  – Health insurance
  – Climate Survey
  – DEI Work
Follow Our Social Media!

@VCUGSA

@VCUGraduateStudentAssociation

@VCUGSA
The Mission:
Help VCU students and alumni identify & apply for nationally competitive scholarships/fellowships to fund opportunities that support their future goals.

The Resources:
Individual consultations, organizational and writing support, recommendation coordination, & mock interviews.

Scholarships including but not limited to...
- FULBRIGHT
- CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP
- BOREN AWARDS
- PMF (Presidential Management Fellows) Scholarship

Where to Find Us:
Website: https://nso.vcu.edu/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VCUNSO
Blog: https://blogs.vcu.edu/natlscholar/
Or email us at natlscholar@vcu.edu!
Fall 2021 Information Sessions for Graduate Students

Thursday, August 19: Grad Student General Information Session @ 12:30pm
Tuesday, August 24: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship @ 12:30pm
Wednesday, August 25: Critical Language Scholarship/Boren Awards @ 3:30pm
Friday, August 27: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship @ 3pm
Tuesday, Sept 7: Presidential Management Fellowship @ 12:30pm
Thursday, Sept 9: Grad Student General Information Session @ 3pm
Friday, Sept. 10: Critical Language Scholarship @ 1pm
Wednesday, Sept 15: Presidential Management Fellowship @ noon
Friday, October 15: RISE/SMART @ 2pm
Tuesday, October 19: RISE/SMART @ noon
Wednesday, Nov 3: Boren Awards @ 11am
Thursday, Nov 18: Boren Awards @ 12:30pm
Fall 2021 Information Sessions for Graduate Students: More Details

Complete Fall 2021 schedule is posted to the NSO blog, linked here. Please register to attend those sessions of interest. Please also check back regularly for updated postings.
Open Graduate Assistant Position

The National Scholarship Office (with the strong support of the Graduate School) is seeking a Graduate Assistant to support efforts to expand the initiative to offer broader support for grad students who wish to apply for external funding. Please see the job posting in Handshake for the NSO Graduate Student Fellowships Advisor Position, 2021-2022. Application review will begin the week of August 23. Any questions can be directed to the NSO (natlscholar@vcu.edu).
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity

Community

Academic Success

Civility

Integrity

Respect

@HonorableRams
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity

- Honor System & Standards of Academic Integrity
- Find Resources
- Get Involved
- Student Code of Conduct
Student Conduct & Academic Integrity

VCU Honor System & Standards for Academic Conduct

Academic Misconduct:
- Cheating
- Deception
  - Falsification
  - Forgery
  - Grade Alteration
- Lying
- Omission
- Exploitation
- Facilitation
- Plagiarism
- Sabotage
- Stealing

Pledge

“On my honor, I pledge that I am in compliance with the VCU Honor System and Standards of Academic Conduct.”

- All students must know and understand the Honor System and Standards of Academic Conduct, particularly the types of misconduct prohibited by this policy. Students are expected to ask for clarification from their instructors if they are uncertain how the Honor System and Standards of Academic Conduct impacts their work or the completion of an assignment.

- All students and employees are expected ... to report observations of potential academic misconduct. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of academic misconduct is not permitted because it detracts from a community of trust and the quality of the educational experience.
Students are encouraged to engage in responsible social conduct that reflects credit upon the University community and to model good citizenship in any community.

Students should not remain passively in the presence of violations.

Students are encouraged to notify the proper authorities if they observe or have knowledge of other students violating the Student Code of Conduct.

The University Student Code of Conduct shall apply to all conduct by students on University property, at VCU-sponsored activities, and off-campus.

VCU Creed:

**Philosophy for a University Community**

Academic institutions exist, among other reasons, to discover, advance and transmit knowledge and to develop in their students ... the capacity for creative and critical thought. At Virginia Commonwealth University, members of the community should strive to exemplify the following specific ideals in addition to other worthy ideals:

- To demonstrate academic and personal integrity.
- To respect the rights and property of others.
- To be open to others’ opinions.
- To uphold academic freedom and freedom of intellectual inquiry.
- To appreciate diversity and to value and learn from the uniqueness of each person.
- To uphold the right of all persons to be treated with dignity and respect and to refrain from all forms of intimidation, harassment and illegal discrimination.
- To demonstrate and respect intellectual courage in situations that demand it.

#OneVCU
Where can I find the policies?
Find Resources

- Professors, Instructors
- VCU Libraries
- Division for Academic Success
  - Disability Support Services
  - Academic Counseling
  - Test Taking Skills
  - Study Strategies
  - Prep for Board/Licensing Exams
  - Tutoring Services
- RecWell
  - By-Stander Intervention
  - BASICs/CASICs
  - The Resilience Lab
- RAMS in Recovery
- University Counseling Center
- VCU PD
  - Live Safe App
- The Office of the Dean of Students
  - Office of the Assistant Dean of Students
Thank you

WELCOME TO THE VCU COMMUNITY
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
VCU STUDENT HEALTH
PRIMARY CARE SERVICES

We are a nationally accredited health care service providing high-quality outpatient care to VCU students.

Both clinic locations offer primary care services, such as:

- Management of acute and chronic illnesses, including mental health disorders
- Urgent same-day visits
- Preventive health services (physicals, well-woman exams, etc.)
- Contraceptive management
- STI prevention & treatment
- And more!
UCS BASICS

• UCS Services are available to enrolled VCU students, and are free of charge.

• Information disclosed in clinical sessions is confidential.
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
PRIMARY PRESENTING CONCERNS

- 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.
WHERE ARE OUR OFFICES?

On Monroe Park Campus
Student Commons – Room 228
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
Skills Training and Psycho-education

Suicide Prevention Education and Training

LGBTQIA+ Diversity Education and Training

Recovery Ally Training

Social Media

CONSULTATION AND OUTREACH

Campus Connect: Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training
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QUESTIONS?

counseling.vcu.edu
804-828-6200
Graduate student
SAFETY orientation - 2021
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 ALERTS

alert.vcu.edu

YouTube video link
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.
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.
CONDUCT: ON & OFF CAMPUS

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.
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.
Thank you for attending.
Please let us know if you have questions.

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
**VCU Facilities Management**

- FMD website
- Types of services and how to request them
  - Emergency maintenance
  - Non-emergency maintenance - Facilities Self Service
- Building managers
- Campus coordinators
Facility service
Click the "Facilities Self Service" button below to request a facility service or report a facility issue.

Planning, design, construction or renovation
Click the "eBuilder" button below to request service.

Space request
Click the "Space Request" button below to request new space, a function change or a space reassignment.
Altered, renovations and improvements

Alteration, renovation and improvement work performed by Facilities Management will be billed to the requesting department at the actual cost of labor, materials, equipment and contractor cost.

CATEGORY: BUILDINGS

Base provisions

The Facilities Management E&G budget pays for the university's E&G and research facilities costs of operation and maintenance. The cost of basic operation and maintenance services provided to auxiliary enterprises is billed to the respective auxiliary enterprise unit.

CATEGORY: SUPPORT
VCU Facilities Management (FMD) offers a variety of services related to facility maintenance, construction and renovation, parking and transportation, planning and design, space management, and sustainability on the Monroe Park Campus and the MCV Campus.

Continue reading to learn about the types of services FMD offers and how to request them.

For a more comprehensive list of services, check out the FMD Service Guide.

**Emergency maintenance**

Staff, faculty, students and affiliates should report emergency maintenance issues—issues that require an immediate response to avoid potential injury or illness to building tenants and/or damage to university property—to the Physical Plant Customer Service by calling (804) 828-9444.

Examples of emergency requests include:

- Loss of power in an entire building, floor or room
- Flooding
- Security issue (door, lock or window)
- Significant damage to university property
- Emergency elevator malfunction (e.g., someone trapped in elevator)

**Non-emergency maintenance**

Individuals with an active VCU eID can submit non-emergency maintenance requests via the Facilities Self Service. Once a request is submitted, the requesting individual will receive automatically-generated work status email updates. The individual will also receive and is encouraged to complete a customer satisfaction survey once the work is completed.
Emergency Maintenance

Issues that require an immediate response to avoid potential injury or illness to building tenants and/or damage to university property

Physical Plant Customer Service
(804) 828-9444
Non-Emergency Maintenance

Facilities Self Service

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
Cleaning supplies and PPE may be requested by members of the VCU community through the FSS system. Click here to start the request process.

Login

To report an emergency problem (fire, smoke, flooding, power outages) please call 828-9444 for immediate assistance.

Welcome to Facilities Self Service

The FMD customer service team is the main communication center and the point of contact between the VCU community and the Facilities Management Division. The team operates 24/7 and responds to the routine and emergency maintenance needs of all faculty, students, staff, and affiliates. For routine maintenance and facilities support please log in and use the Facilities Self Service (FSS) system to manage your maintenance requests.

To request assistance from FMD you must be an active VCU or VCUHealth faculty, staff, student, or affiliate*. If you have questions about an existing request and do not find the answer on this site, please contact FMD Customer Service at (804) 828-9444.

* Please note that generic or shared accounts are not permitted to use this site. You must login with your own individual eID.

fss.vcu.edu
Submit a New Customer Request

* Required

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Customer Service Feedback Survey

FMD Work Order 2021-535785 has been completed

VCU Facilities Self Service to me

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Work order 2021-535785 has been completed.

Work order details:
PLEASE DELIVER TWO SHRED BINS TO ROOM 402 AND PICK UP FULL BINS AT THIS LOCATION.
THANKS!

Please take a moment to rate your overall level of satisfaction with the work performed by using the star rating below (1 star being “very unsatisfied” and 5 stars being “very satisfied”). We value your feedback to help us improve our service.

★★★★★

For questions or concerns please contact your campus coordinator:

Monroe Park Campus
Margaret Kelland, (804) 828-7269, mkelland@vcu.edu

MCV Campus
Chanel Derricott, (804) 828-7248, derricott2@vcu.edu

Click here to review this Work Order at any time in Facilities Self Service.

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Building Managers

- POC between school/dept., FMD and SRM
- Consolidates and submits work requests
- Communicates with Physical Plant Operations Center
- Coordinates provision of facility services
- Communicates status of building issues with occupants
- Works with campus coordinators to solve recurring service issues
- Assists with other facilities-related tasks

fmd.vcu.edu/physical-plant/building-managers
## Campus Coordinators

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Career Services for Graduate Students

Megan Hollis
Associate Director, Health Sciences Career Advising
How does Career Services help students?

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

2. **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

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

GRAD 610
Career & Professional Development for Graduate Students

- 1 credit hour
- 9 weeks
- No textbook!
Thank you! Any questions?

Careers.vcu.edu  @VCUCareers  Facebook.com/VCUCareers  @VCUCareers
the Writing Center where smart writers go
The Library is here to help you succeed.
Search Strategies
Managing citations
Staying informed
Data management
Publishing support
Creating multimedia
THANKS FOR COMING!
WELCOME TO THE RAMILY!

VCU

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